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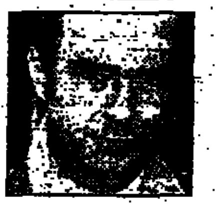

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West aids Saddam's nuclear ambition

UN inspectors uncover firms supplying Iraq

By Michael Evans, defence correspondent, and Martin Fletcher in Washington

HUNDREDS of Western companies that supplied Iraq with technology and equipment for its clandestine nuclear weapons programme have been identified in documents seized by a United Nations inspection team detained in Baghdad.

The records go back to 1980 and cover firms from dozens of countries, including Britain, America, Germany, France, Switzerland, China and Brazil.

The documents are now in boxes confiscated by a team of 44 inspectors who were last night still besieged in a car park at the Iraqi Atomic Energy Commission compound. Iraq has offered to let the UN team go if they and Baghdad officials compile a joint inventory of the documents seized, an arrangement accepted yesterday by the UN security council. Rolf Ekeus, chairman of the special commission charged with disarming Iraq, said that the list would be compiled on site and that it could be the weekend before it was complete and the inspectors were released.

The first clue to the breadth of information contained in the papers emerged on Wednesday, when Colin Powell, chairman of the American joint chiefs of staff, described them as a goldmine that proved Iraq had contacts around the world to procure the technology it needed for nuclear weapons. David Kyd of the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna said yesterday that many of the firms had supplied small items, such as copper tubes and graphite sheets, that could have been exported legitimately for non-nuclear purposes. Other items had potential for civilian or military use, and some of the most important contracts involved vital machining equipment for enriching uranium.

Two Swiss companies are believed to have supplied key equipment: Schaublin, which exported computer-controlled lathes, and Schmiedemeccanica, a metal forging company which supplied hundreds of special discs for Iraq's gas centrifuge system for enriching uranium. Neither has been shown to have sold the equipment knowing it was to be used in a nuclear programme.

A number of German firms are also understood to be named. German companies are known to have participated in Iraq's Al Abbas and Al Hussein missile projects and last year Dr Bruno Stemmler, a German scientist, claimed he had unwittingly helped Iraq's nuclear weapons programme by giving technical advice.

One of the German companies previously named for supplying special equipment capable of being used in the gas centrifuge system was H&H Metalform from Drensteinfurt. Again, there has never been any proof that the equipment was sold in the knowledge that they would be used in Iraq's nuclear programme. H&H Metalform said the equipment sold was for dairy plant parts.

British industrial sources said yesterday that the export of machine tooling equipment, which could have civilian or military use, was a "grey area" in government licensing regulations. Several British companies have been investigated by Customs for selling machine tooling equipment to Iraq before the current trade embargo. Three former directors of Matrix-Churchill, a Coventry-based machine tool company, are awaiting trial on charges of supplying Iraq with banned equipment.

Iraq is also reported to have bought from a British company in 1989 magnets used to hold centrifuges in place as they rotate at high speed.

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Waiting game for car park players

*The UN inspectors trapped in a Baghdad car park are using impromptu chess to occupy their minds, **David Watts reports***

HOW do you while away the hours on a bus in a Baghdad car park with more than 100 humourless Iraqi security men to spoil your fun?

For the resourceful United Nations nuclear inspectors used to outthinking the wily Saddam Hussein, there is plenty to do: play chess with bottle tops or American football with toilet rolls for a ball.

For the really brave, there are Arabic lessons, but David Kay, the leader of the group, said last night: "It's very much an uphill battle. I don't think they're going to improve my language skills very much."

All that, of course, takes place in between queuing for the one Iraqi-style toilet. Presumably for reasons of international diplomacy, Mr Kay did not describe on an open satellite telephone line what he meant by an Iraqi-style toilet, but he said that, when things got really bad in the noonday 100-degree heat, the Iraqis would occasionally clear it, but only after serious representations. The relief did not last long: "It lasts about 10 people and then it's as bad as ever."

The one bright spot in their third day as hostages to principle was escape of another kind — a delivery of apples and cheese from other UN missions in Baghdad, which earned them a respite from their American military MREs, Meals Ready to Eat. "They're only one step above starvation," the ever-cheerful Mr Kay said.

Understandably, Mr Kay did not want to discuss in detail the dispatch of evidence of the Iraqi nuclear programme, but he did say

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Kay: learning Arabic an "uphill battle"

Frontier feathers: the Princess of Wales wearing a Chitrali cap with feathers and an embroidered woollen coat after having been made an honorary Chitral scout yesterday in Pakistan's most north-westerly region. She returns to Britain today after a solo five-day visit to the country

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Labour's 3% lead rules out early election

By Philip Webster
chief political correspondent

AN OPINION poll giving Labour a 3 per cent lead over the Conservatives appeared last night to have killed off any lingering chance of a November general election, boosting the Labour leadership as it prepared for its party conference opening in Brighton on Sunday.

An NOP poll for BBC *Newsnight* and *The Independent* showed Labour overturning a 2 per cent Tory lead of three weeks ago. It put Labour on 42 per cent, compared with 39 per cent last time, and the Conservatives down by two percentage points from 41 to 39. The Liberal Democrats were on 14 per cent, down 1 percentage point despite the exposure of the party conference.

Last Sunday's Mori poll in *The Sunday Times* was the first recent poll to put Labour in front. It had a lead of 4 per cent.

For Neil Kinnock, who only 10 days ago was confronted with tabloid headlines suggesting a "crisis of credibility" in his leadership, the confirmation of Labour's poll lead is an important lift as he writes his conference speech, which all around him admit he is treating as one of his most important ever.

It means that throughout next week Mr Kinnock and his shadow cabinet colleagues will continue to demand a November election to reinforce their claim that Mr Major is "running away" from the electorate.

Mr Kinnock last night finally completed his abandonment of unilateralism when he said, more directly than before, that a Labour government would keep nuclear weapons.

On Thames Television's *This Week* programme he was asked: "Britain under Neil Kinnock will keep nuclear weapons as long as anyone else has them — is there a yes or no to that?" Mr Kinnock replied: "There's a yes to it. Retention until elimination. That's the surest way to secure a safer world."

The programme, in an examination of claims that Mr

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Bucharest claim of communist coup

By Roger Boyes, East Europe correspondent

A COMMUNIST coup is under way in Romania, Petre Roman, the prime minister, said last night after thousands of rampaging coalminers and protesters in Bucharest had forced him and his government to tender their resignation. But as the demonstrators ransacked parliament and besieged a television station, he defiantly declared he would hold on to power until order was restored.

Mr Roman told French television: "What we have seen was a movement which turned into a coup d'état, a kind of communist putsch coming from the bottom. For the moment, I have said and repeated that, as long as law and order are not restored, I maintain my duties as prime minister and my ministers maintain theirs within this existing government."

Crowds, some in trucks and many armed with clubs or waving flags, had headed for the television centre and bombarded it with petrol bombs, witnesses said. Clashes flared with riot troops, fires burned in the street and in the television station's garden. The building was heavily ringed by soldiers and interior ministry forces who responded with tear gas and firecrackers. Army armoured personnel carriers and buses carrying soldiers were seen in the vicinty. Another large crowd stormed the Romanian parliament and smashed up furniture, throwing it out into the grounds where other protesters shouted for President Ion Iliescu's resignation. At least four people were killed and hundreds injured in yesterday's violence.

Mr Roman's initial announcement of his resignation, the latest symptom of the continuing power struggle in Bucharest, immediately threw into doubt the future of Romania's economic reforms. President Iliescu, his palace beleaguered by thousands of miners from the Jiu valley, quickly caved in to the miners' purely financial demands and promised a price freeze. The dismissal of Mr Roman, he claimed, was not due to street pressure but to the government's serious mismanagement of the economic crisis.

The concessions initially appeared to appease the miners, but by yesterday afternoon thousands more pit-

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Blakelock pair granted appeal

By Quentin Cowdry, home affairs correspondent

KENNETH Baker, the home secretary, yesterday referred to the Court of Appeal the cases of two men jailed for life for the murder of Pc Keith Blakelock during the 1985 Tottenham riot.

His decision came just a few hours after he had read an independent assessment of the reliability of the Metropolitan police record of interviews with Winston Silcott, said to have been the ringleader behind the policeman's killing.

Defence lawyers for Silcott, aged 32, claim he was framed by police. The other prisoner affected by yesterday's move is Mark Braithwaite, aged 23. Engin Raghip, aged 24, the third person convicted of the murder, had his case referred to appeal last December.

As the Home Office announced the referral, Scotland Yard said it had suspended Det Chief Supt Graham Melvin, who led the investigation into Pc Blakelock's murder and who conducted the final interview with Silcott.

Over the past few weeks a team of officers from Essex police have subjected the handwritten records of the Silcott and Braithwaite interviews to the same scientific tests that led to the quashing of the convictions of the Guildford Four and the Birmingham Six. Identical checks had also been commissioned by defence lawyers.

Mr Baker's announcement came barely a week after he referred to appeal the case of Judith Ward, the woman jailed for life in 1974 for an IRA bombing of an army coach which killed 12 people.

America mourns its creator of wonderland

From Martin Fletcher
in Washington

AMERICA yesterday was mourning Theodor Seuss Geisel, alias Dr Seuss, the whimsical author and illustrator famous the world over for his cats in hats, fox in socks, scolding goldfish, yooks, zooks, grinches and nerds.

Mr Geisel died in his sleep at his California home on Tuesday night — a child of 87. The death last year of Jim Henson, creator of the Muppets, actually led the television news, but Mr Geisel's demise was considered almost as newsworthy in a nation so taken with fictional creations.

The passing of the man who invented green eggs and ham was prominently recorded on the front pages of almost every important newspaper. Experts in childrens' literature swiftly named him the Lewis Carroll of his generation. The newspaper *USA Today* even adapted his inimitable galloping rhythms to a versified editorial which began:

This is no time for fun.
This is not time for play.
Dr Seuss is no more.
It's a sad, sad, sad day.

Such was Mr Geisel's success and productivity that no two reports could quite agree on the bald statistics. Was it 48 books he wrote, or 49? Did they sell 100 million copies, or 200 million? Were they translated into 18, 19 or 20 languages? No matter. All agreed that the bow-tied Mr Geisel was the man who taught generations of children that reading could be fun.

He was born in Springfield, Massachusetts, in 1904 and had the run of the town zoo, his father being commissioner of parks. That evidently triggered his imagination, but it was not until 1936, after spells at Dartmouth College, Oxford University and as a commercial copywriter and illustrator, that he wrote his first book, *And to Think that I Saw it on Mulberry Street*, which was inspired by the rhythm of a liner's engines as he crossed the Atlantic.

He had no children of his own, but two stepchildren by his second marriage. He told curious parents in typically self-deprecating style: "You make 'em, I amuse 'em." Mr Geisel's seemingly nonsensical books were fun, but often contained an underlying moral. The Lorax, one of his favourite creations, was an early environmentalist. *The Butter Battle Book* was a satire on the arms race.

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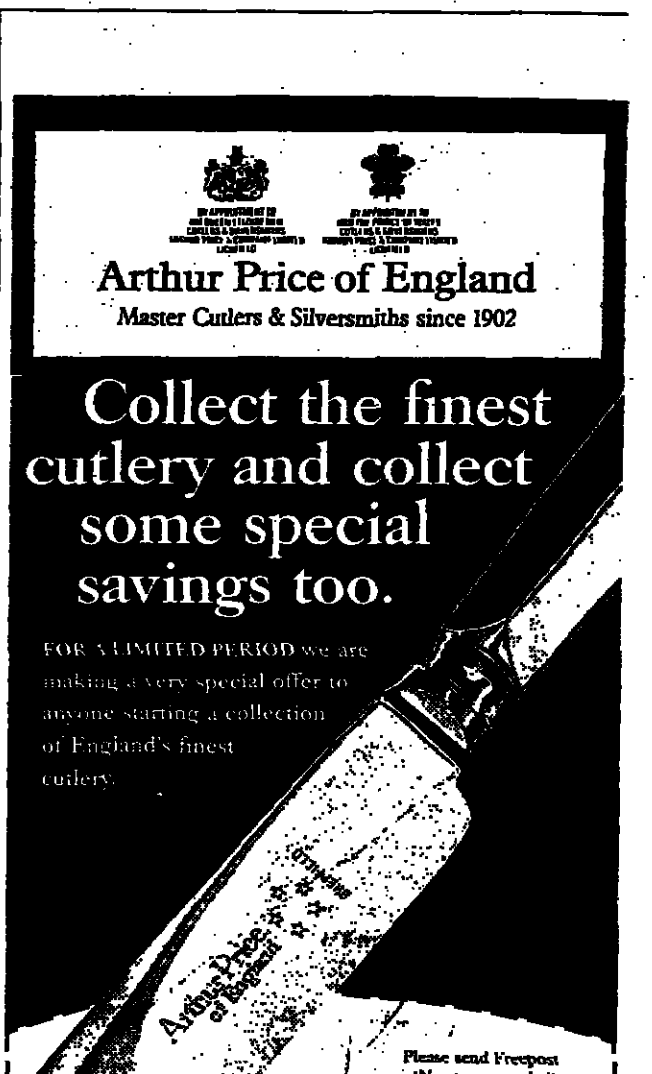
The Cat in The Hat, Dr Seuss's 1957 creation



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Bucket shop operators force challenge on cut-price air deals

The mysterious world of ticket consolidators is about to be exposed thanks to a new fare offer by British Airways, reports Harvey Elliott

A DECISION by British Airways to sell heavily discounted transatlantic tickets through high street travel agents has emboldened bucket shops to expose the whole clandestine activity.

Faced with the loss of a significant slice of their business by the airline's move, which was designed to "bring the bucket shop out of the closet", the shops are effectively challenging the authorities either to approve the cut-price fares officially or to ban them completely.

The savings, which can halve the cost of some published air fares, have so far been available only to passengers who have discovered how to take advantage of the covert deals, usually advertised discreetly in newspapers and with the name of the airline not disclosed until the passenger picks up the ticket.

The bucket shops intend to concentrate first on routes between London and the Continent, where passengers prepared to fly with foreign airlines making stops on long flights can make significant savings.

"It is about time the public at large were told about the hypocrisy of the airlines who continue to deny that they are selling these fares officially," said Riaz Dooley, whose Travel Bazaar is one of the largest bucket shop organisations in Britain. "Once this practice is really out into the open, it could revolutionise the whole of the airline ticket pricing structure and give the public much wider access to cheaper fares." Mr Dooley is convinced that even if he names airlines involved, the supply of tickets will continue.

Technically all airlines must set fares approved by governments at either end of the route or by any intermediate country. Often, however, they quietly sell seats that otherwise would remain empty to independent travel companies, known as consolidators, at vastly lower rates, arguing that they can at least recover some of their operating costs.

According to aviation lawyer Peter Martin such fares are, however, contrary to the terms of the permits granted to foreign carriers, or to the licences given to British airlines, and therefore are illegal. "It is up to the Department of Transport to enforce these regulations," he said. "But over the years they have been turning Nelson's eye to them."

Now that the practice has been thrust into the spotlight, the government will be faced with an embarrassing decision on whether to go on ignoring the practice or to clamp down on what at first sight appears to fulfill their aim of making cheaper fares available through open competition.

Among the dozens of tickets which can be bought "under the counter" is a return to Amsterdam on Thai International Airways for £75, compared with the normal economy price of £165. A return ticket to Zurich on Air China will cost £95 compared with the standard economy fare of £304.It is estimated that the business is worth more than £1 billion a year.

Passengers buying the tickets are, however, limited to only a handful of flights, with some of the airlines operating only one service a week. The tickets are also not transferable to other airlines.

Although the ticket costs the passenger only a fraction of its face value – they are made out at the higher fare – bucket shops have still been able to sell them at a healthy profit.Airline reservations departments rarely offer the lower price directly, although when pressed most will direct callers to "one of our agents".

A London-based salesman for the Brazilian airline Varig, for example, quoted £211 as the cheapest available fare to Copenhagen, but added: "We have a travel agent who can make it cheaper for you."

The airlines want to charge as much as they can to keep up their yield and have formally backed the rules which prevent them from offering really low prices. Only when it becomes apparent that they would fly with unsold seats do they offer them to the consolidators.

The transport department said it was waiting for advice from the Civil Aviation Authority before it make a judgement. The authority said it was still discussing with British Airways the move which rekindled the debate and that in the meantime it remained a requirement under international agreements that all fares are first filed with the authorities at both ends of the route "although normally we have no problem in approving low fares".

CHEAP FARES GUIDE

	Price (£)			
Destination	Normal	APEX	Bucket	Airline
Amsterdam	165	113	75	Thai Airways
Berlin	320	214	120	United Airlines
Bucharest	844	844	245	Swissair
Cairo	718	510	240	JAT Yugoslav Airlines
Copenhagen	319	211	140	Varig
Frankfurt	292	119	75	Air Seychelles
Istanbul	670	461	185	Singapore Airlines
Madrid	334	179	105	Aerolineas Argentinas
Moscow	802	357	200	Austrian Airlines
Paris	188	98	65	Cathay Pacific
Rome	370	188	110	Kenya Airways
Zurich	304	144	95	Air China

Labour drops pledge for detailed plans on spending

By NICHOLAS WOOD AND ROBERT MORGAN

DETAILED spending pledges will not be included in Labour's manifesto, the party's leaders made clear yesterday as they stepped up their attacks on government underfunding of health and education.

"We shall have to look at the books when we get into government," Jack Cunningham, the party's campaign manager, told a Westminster press conference staged to highlight the "nightmare" of a fourth term of Tory rule. Labour had planned to publish detailed costings before the election but has retreated from the commitment given by Neil Kinnock in the policy review document *Meet the challenge, Make the change*, published in 1989.

The Labour leader said then: "At the time of the next general election, we will set out the accurate costs of our manifesto proposals in the light of the economic situation we are likely to inherit and the priorities we consider most urgent."

Dr Cunningham said it was not a realistic proposition to ask the Opposition what its spending plans were over the five years of a parliament when even the government could not yet say how much it would spend in the coming year. His remarks amounted to the clearest confirmation so far that Labour does not intend to counter directly claims that its programme would cost £35 billion, put 10p on the basic rate of tax and reduce take-home pay by an average of £25 a week.

The Conservatives went on the offensive again yesterday with Michael Howard, the employment secretary, arguing that Labour's economic policies threatened three million jobs. Chris Patten, the party chairman, poured scorn on the Opposition's latest party political broadcast.

Mr Patten said that if Mr Kinnock believed that people paid enough taxes, he must drop his commitment to nine extra taxes. He must also drop his £35 billion pledges and explain why he fought against Tory tax cuts.

Labour's only firm spending pledges are higher pensions and child benefit, although shadow cabinet members have been authorised to promise more for health and education. Senior shadow cabinet sources accept that as the election approaches they will come under increasing pressure to quantify promises.

Dr Cunningham accused the Tories of having a secret agenda that would put VAT up to 22 per cent, push unemployment above three million, drive health into the private sector and create a two-tier health service. There would be more cuts in training, housing and investment.

Harriet Harman, a Labour health spokesman, accused the Tories of paving the way for the privatisation of the health service by, for instance, starving NHS hospitals of public funds and encouraging them to deal with the private sector to bridge the funding gap. She said the difference between the two parties was that Labour recognised the extent of underfunding of the NHS and would redress it.

TONY WHITE

Healthy concern: Harriet Harman at Labour's press conference yesterday

Patten promises better services

By ROBIN OAKLEY, POLITICAL EDITOR

CHRIS Patten, the Conservative party chairman, yesterday emphasised that low inflation and improved public services would head the Tory agenda in seeking a fourth consecutive term of office.

The other targets he listed for "a competent government with decent instincts working within a liberal economic ethos" were more privatisation, lower taxes, improved education and training and a "central and constructive" role for Britain in building the European Community.

Addressing the Institute of Directors, in London, Mr Patten rejected suggestions that the government was practising consolidation, but, in what will be taken as a distancing of the new management from the Thatcher years, he warned against permanent Maoist revolution. "It may be exciting, but it is hardly wise for politicians to feel obliged to go out every night and do cartwheels on the high wire," he said.

Tight control of inflation would remain the "sheet anchor" of policy. Arguing that exchange rates provided better counter-inflationary discipline than monetary aggregates, Mr Patten said that the action of Mrs Thatcher and the then Chancellor of the Exchequer, John Major, in taking sterling into the European exchange-rate mechanism had provided an invaluable discipline.

Critics had said that it would take years to reduce Britain's inflation rate to that of other EC countries and that it would be impossible to cut interest rates with the ERM. However, it had taken only nine months to bring down inflation to continental levels and interest rates had been cut from a level 7 percentage points above Germany's to just 1.25 points higher.

Mr Patten said that Robin Leigh-Pemberton, governor of the Bank of England, was "echoing what most commentators now believe" when he said that the recession was coming to an end. However, he said: "No one sensible suggests that we will come bursting out of it at breakneck pace. No one sensible denies it is still tough in the market place."

In the nearest he came to hinting at election dates, Mr Patten, underlining ministerial worries about increased unemployment, said that signs of recovery would be accompanied for some time by publication of "those lagging indicators which are an economist's euphemism for the pain of recession's consequences".

Unit labour costs, he said, were set to slow sharply in coming months as wage settlements moderated and productivity picked up with the revival of output.

Mr Patten said that the Tories should not apologise for wanting more tax cuts to increase work incentives, but the commitment to honest money came first.

Mr Patten emphasised the Tory commitment to privatise British Rail. However, health and education services were not like a business, he said. While they would benefit from more market disciplines in administration, the government had to continue to provide high-quality services.

However, there was no reason why free education should be seen as a natural monopoly of local authorities.

BAe coup robs Smith of lead in directors' table

By PETER VICTOR

SIR Roland Smith not only lost his £313,000-a-year job when he was ousted on Wednesday night as chairman of British Aerospace, but was toppled from first place in the league of businessmen holding multiple directorships in British companies.

Until the boardroom coup, Sir Roland held 11 directorships in publicly listed companies, including nine chairmanships. This year he would have shared joint first with Stephen Cockburn, chairman of Archimedes Investment Trust, according to a survey compiled by the Corporate Register and published in *Director* magazine.

Sir Graham Day, who takes over from Sir Roland at BAe, holds board positions on some of the country's largest companies and is ranked joint 12th in the table. He said yesterday that taking on the BAe job was "a little bit like having picked the short straw in somewhat difficult circumstances". He told shareholders at the annual meeting of the electricity generator PowerGen, where he chairs the board of directors: "I'm not sure whether I should thank you for your congratulations or not."

He denied he was taking on too much. "There are seven days a week and I tend to work most of them," he said.

Mr Cockburn, 51, an investment analyst, holds six directorships on the boards of investment trusts and one other for a company on the unlisted securities market. He has run two of the companies, Danae and Jove, for the past 15 years. He said: "While the table is interesting and flattering, I don't want people to get carried away with this. I am not a big company man."

He pointed out that all his directorships were of companies which were dwarfed by those of Sir Roland and Sir Graham; none of his investment trusts was larger than £20 million. "I don't want to belittle anything I do," he said. "I like small companies and my responsibilities to the employees and shareholders are just as great."

His duties involve two board meetings a week. "In some cases, one is simply presented with a list of transactions for the month," he said. "My contribution comes from 28 years of working in the City and the knowledge that brings."

Other prominent men with multiple directorships include two former Conservative cabinet ministers: Peter Walker, who is a director of six companies, and George Younger, who is chairman of the Royal Bank of Scotland.

The magazine found no fink between the number of non-executive directors and a company's performance and said that company chairmen sometimes did not know what they wanted from their non-executives. It said that the most important role for non-executives was to keep the management's heads "out of the sand".

BRITAIN'S TOP MULTIPLE DIRECTORS

Cockburn, Stephen Peter John, Age 51 (No 1)
Archimides Investment Trust (CH); Associated British Engineering (*); Danae Investment Trust; Nesco Investments (*); Dartmoor Investment Trust (*); Fulcrum Investment Trust (*); Great Southern Group (*); Telfos Holdings; The Investment Company; Jove Investment Trust (*); Smaller Companies Investment Trust.

Smith, Sir Roland, Age 62 (No 2)
Brammer (*); Hepworth (*); JCH; Kingston Oil & Gas (*,CH); Manchester United (CH); P&P (*,CH); Readicut International (*,CH); Senior Engineering Group (CH); MUFC (*,CH); Temple Bar Investment Trust (*,CH); USDC Investment Trust (*,CH); Wilson Bowden (*).

Govett, William John Romaine, Age 54 (No 3)
Govett Atlantic Investment Trust (*); Govett Oriental Investment Trust (*); Govett Strategic Investment Trust (*); Legal & General Group (*); Union Jack Oil (*); London Atlantic Investment Trust (*,CH); North British Canadian Investment Co (*); Scottish Eastern Investment Trust (*).

Knott, Simon Harold Arthur, Age 60 (No 4)
Automated Security (Holdings) (*); Hill & Smith Holdings (*); LPA Industries (*); Platignum (*,JCH); Rights & Issues Investment Trust (*,CH); Sandell Group (*); Shorco Scientific Holdings (*); United Scientific Holdings (*).

Mills, Christopher Harwood; Age 38 (No 5)
American Distributors (*); Consolidated Venture Trust (*,MD); Danka Business Systems (*); Leveraged Opportunity Trust; Merchant Manufactory Estate Company (*); Mid-States (*); Proudfoot (Alexander) (*); United Uniform Services (*).

Ryan, Peter Henry, Age 68 (No 6)
Davies & Newman Holdings (DCH); Elga Group (*,CH); INOCO (*), Lilleshall (*); MY Holdings (*); Norbain Electronics (*); Stag Furniture Holdings (*,CH); Unistrut Europe (*,CH).

Day, Sir Graham, Age 58 (No 12)
British Aerospace (CH); Cadbury Schweppes; MAI (DCH); Laird Group (*); PowerGen (CH); Rover Group Holdings (CH); Thorn-EMI (*)

*=non executive; CH=chairman; MD=managing director; DCH=deputy chairman; JCH=joint chairman. Figures in brackets denote Institute of Directors' table of multiple directorships.

Bank may see return to strikes

Lloyds could become the first British bank in eight years to suffer widespread industrial action after members of the Banking Insurance and Finance Union voted yesterday in favour of a 24-hour stoppage next Monday (Neil Bennett writes).

The union, whose members voted almost two to one for the action, is opposing Lloyds' attempts to introduce new salary scales, which it says will reduce some staff pay by up to £1,500 within three years and make Lloyds' pay the worst in the industry.

The prospect of disruption is serious, with 14,000 of the bank's staff of 40,000 in the union. Members will picket branches and offices and, if that has no effect, the union is likely to step up action.

Roads flooded

Flash flooding affected counties across England yesterday. Residents of villages around Doncaster, South Yorkshire, were advised to stay indoors as water levels rose after violent storms, and lightning set fire to a house at Intake. Drivers leaving London last night faced big delays on motorways. Queues several miles long built up on the A1(M). At Basingstoke, landslides blocked some roads.

Port blockade

Lorry drivers blockaded Southampton Container Terminals yesterday in protest at what they said was a go-slow by dockers after a relative of a dock worker who had died in an industrial accident was not allowed to take his job. The blockade, which caused a four-mile tailback on the M27, ended after talks between the company, the TGWU transport union and lorry drivers.

Stately access

The Duke of Devonshire opened another 1,300 acres of his Chatsworth estate to the public yesterday, earning the congratulations of the Ramblers' Association three days before it plans a series of demonstrations and mass trespass in its campaign for greater access to the countryside.

Rail record

British Rail's new InterCity 225 train completed the 393.3-mile London to Edinburgh run in a record 3hrs 29mins yesterday. The train, carrying invited guests and journalists, averaged 112.9mph on Britain's fastest long distance trip. The full service begins on Monday with a fastest time of 3hrs 59mins.

CORRECTION

Although the contents of Colstoun House, East Lothian, have been sold and the house reduced in size, the property itself is not up for sale as implied in the table accompanying the article on historic homes last Monday.

Lucozade Sport Pouchpack

The yellow tamper-evident ring (arrowed below) on the cap of the Lucozade Sport Pouchpack sometimes remains on the drinking nozzle after opening.

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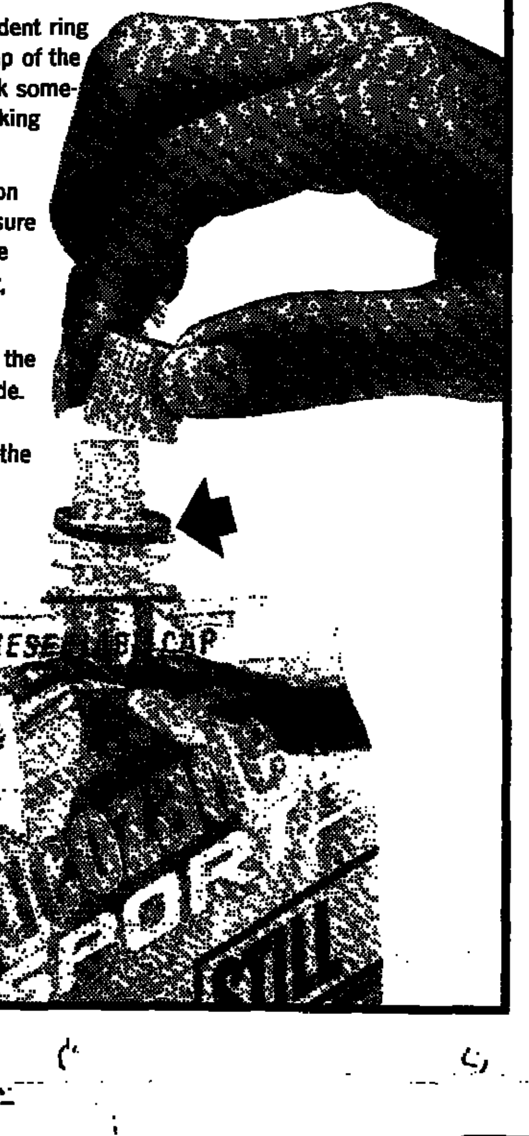

Child abuse awareness rises

By RAY CLANCY

PEOPLE are more aware of the growing problem of child abuse in Britain and most are willing to report their concerns to the authorities, the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children said yesterday when it launched its biggest campaign yet aimed at preventing abuse and neglect.

However, general perceptions are out of touch with reality, the launch in London of the Act Now For Children campaign was told. A survey by the society found that 66 per cent of people wrongly believed that reporting a concern would lead to the child being removed from its family but 90 per cent would nevertheless contact the authorties.

Even in Cleveland, where the child sex abuse scandal caused a public outcry and prompted fears that the authorities could not be trusted, more cases are being reported. Keith Hellawell, chief constable of Cleveland, told the launch in London that some public misconceptions about child abuse and the organisations involved remain but in general people were more aware.

Teams of officers in his force work closely with social workers and the society to combat the problem.

Chris Brown, director of the society, said the message to the public was that prevention was better than cure. The charity has set up a freephone number for people who want to report child abuse - 0800 800 500."Everyone can help prevent children suffering by knowing what to look out for and where to get help."

Brian Roycroft, director of social services in Newcastle upon Tyne, said: "Dealing with child abuse is a horrible job for social workers to do. The pressures are enormous."

Jim Harding, director of children's services at the society, said he recently returned to being a case worker and found himself going home in the evening in despair. "Social workers find themselves in some of the most distressing situations. They are constantly subjected to cases of perversion, violence and distress."

The society's survey was carried out by Research Surveys of Great Britain between August 14 and 18 when 1,007 adults were questioned. The survey found that 43 per cent thought strangers were most likely to be child abusers.

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Head of children's home in '13-year reign of terror'

The Appeal Court yesterday lifted a ban on reporting a sex abuse trial after an application by national newspapers, including *The Times*, and the Press Association. These reports, by Craig Seton, are a summary of the proceedings

CHILDREN as young as eight were sexually and psychologically abused and beaten during a 13-year reign of terror by the man in charge at three council-run children's homes, Leicester crown court was told yesterday.

It was alleged that nobody tried to stop Frank Beck, aged 48, who was the officer in charge of children in Leicestershire social services's care between 1973 and 1986.

The court was told that boys between the ages of eight and 16 were buggered, indecently assaulted or beaten, a girl was repeatedly raped and four social workers were forced to submit to buggery or indecent assault. Many of the children, now adults, are giving evidence from behind a screen against Mr Beck, who ran the homes in Leicester and Market Harborough, and two former residential care officers.

Peter Joyce, QC, prosecuting, said: "It was a tunnel of darkness in which they found themselves. There was no escape. If they ran away or did something wrong, they were sent straight back into the darkness. There was no ray of light for these children. There was simply the endurance of it."

Mr Beck, formerly of Leicester, is facing 29 charges relating to 17 males and one female. They include 12 charges of buggery, two of attempted buggery, one of rape, seven of indecent assault and seven of assault occasioning actual bodily harm.

Peter Jaynes, aged 41, of Chatham, Kent, is charged with two counts of indecent assault and one of assault. George Lincoln, aged 38, from Sudbury, Suffolk, is charged with buggery. The three denied all charges.

The court was told that children as old as 14 were put in nappies, fed with babies bottles, given dummies to suck and cuddled as part of a "regressive therapy" regime. Mr Joyce said: "Regressive therapy was the disguise behind which the perverts could take their pleasure."

The prosecution's case opened last week, but contemporaneous reporting of the proceedings was prohibited by Judge Edwin Jowitt for legal reasons. Among those who have given evidence was a woman, aged 31, who told how as a teenager she faked pains and had her appendix removed to escape sexual abuse.

Mr Joyce alleged that Mr Beck was a remarkable man and that "children came under his sheer power, his sheer personality and his sheer ego".

He said the homes were supposed to offer a protected and safe environment. "Some of the weakest, most helpless and most troubled in society were corrupted. They had their lives totally distorted and twisted by those whose responsibility it was to help them."

It was alleged that when children fought against the therapy they were met with violence. Children were deliberately provoked into such uncontrolled anger that they had to be held so tight they were injured. The comforting that followed would usually end in the child being indecently assaulted or buggered.

Mr Joyce said the three "and others, not in the dock, not on trial, ruled these children's homes with a reign, basically, of terror". The homes, where Mr Beck had been in charge at different times, were The Poplars, Market Harborough, Ratcliffe Road, Leicester and The Beeches, Leicester Forest East.

Children were in care at the homes because they were beyond parental control or because they had other problems. Some had been in trouble and others were there only because one or other of their parents was ill.

The prosecution alleged that Mr Beck buggered young social workers who were dependent on him for their jobs. Mr Joyce said: "What chance did the children have if the social workers themselves did not report him?"

Mr Joyce said a boy of eight, who had been buggered three or four times, was told that sort of thing would happen to him when he was older.

George Lincoln: accused of a serious sexual assault

Peter Jaynes: charged with indecent assault and assault

Accused: Frank Beck, the former head of three children's homes, facing 29 charges

Woman and two men accuse care officer of sex abuse

By CRAIG SETON

A SENIOR child care officer accused of sexually abusing children was alleged to have argued with a boy about visiting "a man called Greville Janner", Leicester crown court was told.

Giving evidence on Monday, the fifth day of the trial, a woman, now aged 31, claimed that she had heard an argument between the boy and Frank Beck, the officer in charge of the Ratcliffe Road children's home in Leicester. The woman, who alleged that she had been repeatedly raped by Mr Beck when she was aged about 15, was asked by Peter Joyce, QC, for the prosecution, whether she had ever heard arguments between Mr Beck and any boys at the home.

She told the court: "Frank Beck and Paul Winston arguing about Greville Janner. He (Mr Beck) was not going to let him go and visit Greville Janner."

The woman was cross-examined on Tuesday by John Black, for Mr Beck. He asked her: "It was an argument, wasn't it, about him going off to see a man called Greville Janner?" The woman replied: "He was shouting to Paul that he wasn't going to see Greville Janner any more." Mr Black asked the woman if Paul Winston used to boast about being a rent boy. She replied: "When he first came to the home, yes he did."

The woman had claimed that she had faked pains to have an appendix operation to escape sexual abuse. She told the court from behind a screen that she was petrified of Mr Beck because he had threatened to send her back to a psychiatric unit. She said that Mr Beck had had sexual contact with her about 30 times.

Some of the adults who were children when they were allegedly abused broke down when they gave evidence from behind a screen. Mark Wright, now 26, shouted abuse at Mr Beck and broke down during his evidence about abuse he allegedly suffered when he was aged nine or ten. He told the court: "It was awful. The bastards. It was a nightmare in that kids' home."

John Watson, now 20, alleged he was eight and a half when Mr Beck began to abuse him at Ratcliffe Road. He claimed he was sexually abused during bathtime sessions with Mr Beck and was buggered on about five occasions by the officer in charge.

The hearing continues today.

Mann was told that Waite had been shot

By BILL FROST

JACK MANN, the British hostage freed by his Lebanese captors after two and a half years in isolation, yesterday began a course of psychological counselling aimed at helping him to face up to the future as a free man.

Specialists at RAF Lyneham in Wiltshire, where Mr Mann arrived from Damascus on Wednesday, were talking the former fighter-pilot, aged 77, through his ordeal at the hands of the Revolutionary Justice Organisation.

Mr Mann's sister yesterday disclosed that his captors had tried to break him down mentally and physically. Madge Meager, aged 74, said: "As part of their brainwashing they told Jack that Terry Waite had been shot. But he did not believe it. It was mental torture, but he shrugged it off.

"For much of his captivity Jack was chained up and had to lie on the floor of his cell, which has affected his hips."

Mrs Meager was shocked by her brother's appearance when she saw him at RAF Lyneham. "However, his spirit is still tremendous. He is still the old Jack. But he looks like a skeleton, he is just so thin."

Mr Mann, who lost three stone during his time as a hostage, ate roast pork for dinner and had a full English breakfast yesterday morning. The base would be ordering supplies of his favourite Dutch lager.

The medical team treating Mr Mann said he had undergone a full examination and a series of blood tests. The initial impression that he was generally fit and well had been confirmed.

Mr Mann was yesterday given a dental check-up and had his eyes tested for a new pair of spectacles. He was also given a hair cut. RAF staff at Lyneham were sent out to buy the former fighter pilot a wrist watch — a luxury denied him throughout his period in captivity.

Sunnie Mann yesterday saw the television interview given by John McCarthy, the British journalist freed by his Lebanese captors last month. Jack Mann, preparing for his own extensive de-briefing, which could last up to ten days, decided not to watch the broadcasts.

Group Captain Ian Corbitt, the base commander at RAF Lyneham, said: "Jack Mann is looking forward to getting back to leading a normal life. He is in good spirits and retains his sense of humour. Like John McCarthy before him, the euphoria of freedom is still with him."

Mrs Meager said yesterday that her brother had expressed no bitterness towards his captors when she was reunited with him. "He spoke in a matter of fact manner about them. He was so relieved to be free. Perhaps that (the bitterness) will come later."

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Murder jury shown photo

A JURY was yesterday shown a private investigator's photograph of a woman and her lover, which was said to have driven her husband to murder them both.

Ian Langridge told the Central Criminal Court, London, that he followed Nicola Porter, aged 28, of Edgware, north London, on August 31 last year at the request of her husband, Stewart, aged 33. He watched as she drove to a recreation ground and got into a car belonging to Alan Ward, aged 44, a council official, from Hendon.

"They were embracing, cuddling and kissing," he said. "They were there about half an hour. I took a photograph from behind some bushes."

The jury has been told that, after receiving Mr Langridge's report, Mr Porter stabbed his wife to death and then shot dead Mr Ward in front of his wife and friends at his home. Mr Porter, a Heathrow security guard, of Edgware, north London, denies the double murder on the night of September 1-2 last year. His pleas of guilty to manslaughter have been rejected.

The trial continues today.

Children at greater risk of leukaemia in rich areas

By JILL SHERMAN, SOCIAL SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

CHILDREN living in wealthy parts of the country may be at greater risk of developing leukaemia than those living in counties with nuclear power stations, according to a study published yesterday.

Wiltshire appears top of the league table of English counties for childhood leukaemia rates, followed by Buckinghamshire, Surrey, Lincolnshire and Avon.

Rates in Wiltshire, where there are no nuclear installations, are about 40 per cent higher than the national average.

Humberside lies at the bottom of the league, but Cumbria, where the Sellafield nuclear reprocessing plant is sited, is only three places off the bottom.

The report by the Childhood Cancer Research Group at Oxford University analysed data on the place of residence of 9,411 children diagnosed with leukaemia between 1966 and 1983.

They found that some of the highest rates of childhood leukaemia were in counties with no nuclear installations, while counties with nuclear installations had some of the lowest rates.

Gerald Draper, director of the research group, emphasised that the findings could be just a statistical quirk. "It's a puzzle," he said.

However, the results confirm a previously suggested association between high living standards and the commonest form of childhood leukaemia.

This link is at odds with most other diseases where the lower socio-economic groups tend to be at greater risk than the middle classes.

The study, published by the Office of Population, Censuses and Surveys, was set up after reports of clusters of childhood leukaemia, particularly near nuclear installations.

Theories to support the occurrence of clusters have ranged from radiation or chemical damage to the sperm of Sellafield reprocessing plant workers to exposure to new infectious agents when people move to different parts of the country.

The geographical epidemiology of childhood leukaemia and non-Hodgkin lymphomas in Great Britain, 1966-83: Studies on Medical and Population Subjects No 53 (Stationery Office; £16.60)

ADRIAN BROOKS

Baroque phoenix: Lord Palumbo, chairman of the Arts Council, examines a model of the proposed restoration of Hawksmoor's St George in the East, which was partly destroyed by an incendiary bomb in May 1941. A £4 million appeal to restore and transform the baroque masterpiece was launched yesterday by Lord Palumbo and the Right Rev Jim Thompson, Bishop of Stepney (writes John Young). The church, in Wapping, east London, was completed in 1729.

Plans by the architects Stanton-Williams involve removing the brick walls that enclose the entrance courtyard to create a new atrium and restore Hawksmoor's original proportions. The crypt, home for the past three years of the Guildhall Ensemble, which promotes music in schools, hospitals and prisons and among the poor, will be refurbished as a centre for educational and community activities, not least among the Bangladeshis who have established themselves in the area.

Lord Palumbo described it as a great enterprise absolutely in tune with the spirit of the times. It went far beyond the boundaries of the parish and could be seen as of national significance. Bishop Thompson, on his last day before taking up his new appointment as Bishop of Bath and Wells, said the restoration project was not a luxury but a necessity. There were three great Hawksmoor churchs in east London: Christ Church, Spitalfields, St Anne, Limehouse, and St George in the East. All three were treasures of international importance, but their restoration was far beyond local Christian resources.

Disaster warning on teenage pregnancy

By NIGEL HAWKES

THE increase in teenage pregnancies in Britain calls for urgent action "before an unacceptable situation becomes a disaster", Doreen Massey, director of the Family Planning Association, said yesterday.

Mrs Massey said that the latest figures showed the sixth successive annual rise in teenage pregnancies, to a total of 117,500 in 1989. The pregnancy rate among 15 to 19 year olds was 67.6 per 1,000, up from 56 in 1983, she said. One in three teenage pregnancies ended in abortion.

"There are two approaches to this problem," Mrs Massey told a conference run by the association. "We can blame teenagers for being irresponsible and promiscuous or we can recognise that our systems of family planning services and sex education are failing young people and must be improved. The second is the only realistic response."

Mrs Massey called for urgent action by the departments of health and of education to improve family planning services and sex education. A working group should co-ordinate the departments' action and introduce the kind of strategies that had succeeded in other countries.

Erling Segest, Denmark's commissioner for health, said that the liberal Danish approach, involving sex education from an early age and free provision of condoms to schoolchildren, had been successful. Between 1974 and 1989, the number of live births in the group aged between 15 and 19 had almost halved, and the number of legal abortions had fallen by 25 per cent.

By contrast, Susan Philliber, of Columbia University, New York, said that the United States had the highest teenage pregnancy rates in the world, and that simple sex education concentrating on the technicalities of contraception had failed to ease the problem, although wider education programmes about sexuality showed more promise.

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Prison overcrowding

Not enough cells to lock up suspects, police chiefs say

By STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

POLICE forces can no longer lock up suspects in some stations because all the cell accommodation is being used to house remand and convicted prisoners for the Home Office, a national police conference was told yesterday.

Instead, suspects being held overnight for questioning might have to be moved to other stations. The problem is made worse by the fluctuating number of prisoners the Home Office asks police to house.

The pressures on police cell accommodation were highlighted at the annual conference of the Police Superintendants Association, meeting in Torquay. Delegates passed a unanimous motion deploring the housing of Home Office prisoners and urging their officials to make urgent representations.

The conference was told that the number of prisoners held by police reached a high point of 1,847 this week, and that every one of the 43 forces in England and Wales was now involved in handling prisoners.

The Home Office said last night that the number of prisoners was 1,646 on Wednesday night. A third were convicted prisoners and the rest were on remand.

Chief Superintendant William Hill, of Durham, said that two years ago police were handling 600 prisoners and the home secretary of the day had promised the problem would be speedily solved. This week Kenneth Baker, the present home secretary, had given no such commitment, he said.

Chief Superintendant Alan Evershed, of the Metropolitan police, said the problem was unfair not only to the police but also to the prisoners, their relatives and legal advisers. Police cells were designed to hold suspects overnight, not to hold prisoners for weeks.

Chief Superintendant Don Wright, from Northumbria, said four stations in his area were now housing only Home Office prisoners. He said that last year the exercise had cost the Home Office £53 million. In the present financial year, the bill could rise to £100 million.

Delegates also discussed police evidence to the Royal Commission on the Criminal Justice System. Chief Superintendant Eddie Day, of Hampshire, said it was already clear that the issues would include a question of commenting in court on a suspect's right to silence during questioning. Other issues included the advantages of the inquisitorial system and the future of juries.

Chief Superintendant David Beaumont, of Nottinghamshire, said he believed the Crown Prosecution Service did not want to take over the supervision of investigations, but would argue for the power to make decisions on prosecution.

Jail closure stopped

HEWELL Grange, a young offenders' jail near Redditch, Hereford and Worcester, earmarked for closure, is to be converted into an adult prison to reduce the large numbers of prisoners being held in police cells (Quentin Cowdry writes).

The prison department has faced mounting calls to reduce the pressure on police cells because of the crowded, inadequate conditions in which most of the inmates are being detained, the risk of escapes and the huge cost of the operation — now standing at £365,000 a night.

On Monday 1,825 prisoners were being held in police cells because there was no space for them in jail — close to the record of 1,917 set in October 1988 when several army camps on Salisbury Plain had to be used as temporary prisons. Keeping a prisoner in cells costs £200 each night.

CHRIS HARRIS

Model nurses: Karen Skinner, Nichole Day and Amanda Parkinson, back row, and Sally Hardy, front, help to promote the launch of a nursing recruitment campaign

Prisoners with Aids 'led on chains'

SOME prisoners with Aids are led on a chain when making hospital visits, a conference was told yesterday.

Andrew Puddephatt, of the rights group Liberty, told the second Aids and HIV civil liberties national conference in Manchester that the practice was written into the operations manual at Stafford prison.

A prisoner had told Liberty in a letter: "I am paraded through the hospital like an animal on a leash." Another prisoner wrote that his meals were served separately on paper plates, with his name and a sticker saying "Aids". He said showers were disinfected after he had used them, and his laundry was disposed of in a plastic bag when he was in police cells in Kent.

Alan Davey, principal of the health department's Aids unit, told the conference the Home Office was reviewing prison practices on Aids and HIV.

Church votes for women

The Church of England's governing body in Wales voted in Lampeter yesterday to invite the bench of bishops to publish a bill allowing the ordination of women. The proposal had a clear majority among the laity, but a majority of only 1 per cent among the clergy.

The vote, of 198 to 84, means that the bishops will have to prepare the bill by April, enabling the first women to be ordained in Wales in 1993. The Archbishop of Canterbury, on his first official visit to Wales, commented on the great contribution that women had made to the life of the church.

Au pair safe

Karin Egger, aged 17, an Austrian au pair who disappeared from her employers near Horsham, West Sussex, this week, walked into Worthing police station after running away with a boyfriend.

Tunnel walkout

About 200 Channel tunnel workers are understood to have walked off the site yesterday in a dispute over pay and conditions. There was no comment from their employer, the contractor Balfour Beatty Power.

BT waives bill

British Telecom has waived a £1,300 telephone bill it sent to Rose Stamps, aged 81, of Birmingham. Intruders are believed to have run up the bill with calls to a chatline service.

Drugs enquiry

Three sailors from the carrier Ark Royal were flown back to Britain yesterday, pending an investigation into alleged drug offences.

Space invaders

A nightclub promoter in Bath has said that overweight people will be refused entry to his club because they take up too much room.

Police chief recalls Kray era

THE notorious Kray twins have won a tribute from the police chief who led the battle against the Tyneside rioters earlier this month.

Sir Stanley Bailey, Northumbria's chief constable, described the 1960s, when gangland families ruled by fear, as "good times".

Sir Stanley, who retires this weekend, said in the *Force* newspaper that he looked back "almost fondly" on the Krays, Richardsons and Frasers.

"These families had their own controls and people knew where they stood," he said. The Kray twins, now 57, are serving life sentences for murder. Ronnie shot rival gang leader George Cornell, while Reggie knifed Jack "The Hat" McVitie to death.

Recalling the time he served in London's East End, Sir Stanley said the Fraser family once helped him to break up a fight. He said: "I remember one big punch-up when I was working in plain clothes — between lorry drivers and some Maltese who ran gambling cafes — and round the corner came the Frasers in on my side." Frankie Fraser, also known as "The Razor", was once regarded as Britain's most violent man and served 20 years for his role in the Richardsons' gang.

Sir Stanley said: "There were some pretty unpleasant weapons, taped-up razors, starting handles, but in many ways it was less violent and we had the hangover from corporal punishment. There used to be three certainties: detection, conviction and punishment. Now there is none."

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Drinks ban raises fear for show site

By KERRY GILL

A VARIETY show venue that re-opened last summer after £850,000 renovations is threatened with closure because it cannot get drinks licences and is being boycotted by businessmen, tourists and local people.

Trustees of the Rothesay Winter Gardens, the biggest tourist attraction on the Isle of Bute, and whose patrons include Magnus Magnusson and the Marchioness of Bute, claim that the Bute and Cowal licensing board's continued refusal of licences has driven away seminars, social functions and charity shows essential to the complex's economic survival.

Without the chance of a dram, islanders turned to the nearby Rabbie Burns public house to slake their thirst. Many prefer to hold functions at the Queen's Hall, Dunoon, a ten-mile boat trip up the Firth of Clyde.

Yesterday, the Marquess and Marchioness of Bute said that they were "most perturbed" at what was happening to one of Scotland's most famous venues for variety acts. Lady Bute said: "This type of bureaucratic behaviour has outraged large sections of the community."

Rosemary McNamara, the chairman of the winter gardens' trust, said: "The loss of revenue is unsustainable. Since the centre opened last year, we have submitted nine applications and all have been refused." Councillors had, she said, granted similar licences for dispensing liquor to family parties at the local Pavilion, owned by Argyll and Bute council.

The gardens complex, built in 1924, attracted artists such as Andy Stewart and Jimmy Logan in the heyday of variety. The council was about to close it in the early 1980s after it fell into disrepair, but the Scottish secretary backed an action committee's work in restoring the listed building.

Johnny Beattie, the comedian, who is to appear there this weekend, said: "I was instrumental in attracting such stars as Billy Connolly, Hector Nicol and John and Alana Cairney to raise funds for the gardens, and it is frustrating to all of us that it is not being allowed to operate to its full potential."

Even the gardens bistro, listed by Egon Ronay, cannot serve a glass of wine, said Gordon Mason, who looks after bookings. "It's crazy. We are almost experiencing what happened in the USA in the days of prohibition."

Douglas Hendry, of the licensing board, said it would not discuss individual cases. "The board has taken the view, in respect of a number of licence applications in Rothesay, that granting these would create an over-provision of licensed premises," he said.

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General Household Survey: a statistical snapshot of the way we live today

Britain has highest rate of one-parent families in Europe

By David Young

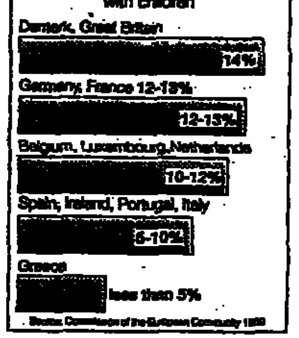
THE number of one-parent families in Britain has increased from one in 12 in the early Seventies to one in six at the end of the Eighties, according to statistics released in the latest General Household Survey.

The survey shows that during 1989 the "traditional" family group — a married couple with dependent children — made up only a quarter of Britain's households and that the size of the average household had fallen from 2.91 people in 1971 to 2.51 in 1989.

Britain and Denmark have the highest number of one-parent families in Europe: 14 per cent of all families with children. That compares with 12-13 per cent in France and Germany, 10-12 per cent in Belgium, Luxembourg and The Netherlands, 5-10 per cent in Spain, Ireland, Portugal and Italy and less than 5 per cent in Greece.

The report updates information collected each year on population characteristics, households and families, marriage, cohabitation and fertility, employment, health, and housing. It also has facts on occupational pension schemes, contraception, and accidents — subjects which have previously been included in selected years only.

The report also contains new sections on ethnic groups, employment and young adults, and the composition of the local authority and association housing sectors. It is the latest in a series of annual reports carried out since 1971 by the social survey division of the Office of Population Censuses and Surveys. The data is obtained by interviewing people aged 16 or over in a random sample of about 10,000 private households.



Interviews are conducted with about 20,000 adults each year and, for certain topics, data on the 5,000 children in these households is also collected. In 1989, 84 per cent of households approached agreed to be interviewed.

The other main findings are that two-thirds of men and women aged 16-59 were in a legal or informal union, of whom about one in ten was cohabiting. Half the people first marrying in their twenties had lived with their future spouse beforehand.

In 1989, as in 1983 and 1986 when the question was last asked, the most common forms of contraception used by women aged 18-44 and their partners were the pill (25 per cent), sterilisation (22 per cent) and the condom (16 per cent). Among women aged 16-49, three-quarters of the pill users were aged under 30, but two-thirds of women whose partners used the condom were aged 30 or over.

In 1989, 68 per cent of women aged 16-59 had paid work, with 37 per cent working full time and 29 per cent working part time. The percentage of women in paid work ranged from 41 per cent of those with a child aged under five, to 75 per cent of those without dependent children.

The figures show that 64 per cent of male and 55 per cent of female full-time employees belonged to their current employer's occupational pension scheme. Through the Eighties the percentage has fluctuated slightly for men and women with a dip around 1987, but no clear long-term upward or downward trend.

In 1989, 31 per cent of males and 33 per cent of females reported a long-term illness, compared with 20 per cent of males and 21 per cent of females in 1972.

In 1987-9 combined, 4 per cent of people had had an accident requiring a doctor or hospital visit in the three months before being interviewed. A third of these accidents took place at home.

In 1988-9, 27 per cent of households rented their homes from a housing association or local authority.

General Household Survey 1989 (Stationery Office; £18.50)

Appeal of compact disc proves durable

THE compact disc player has come of age. It has been included for the first time in the general household survey, which shows what consumer durables the British buy for their homes (David Young writes).

The figures for 1989 show that 15 per cent of households now have a CD, 60 per cent have video recorders and 47 per cent have microwave ovens.

The survey shows that in the ten years between 1979 and 1989 the proportion of households with freezers has risen from 40 per cent to 79 per cent, those with tumble driers from 19 per cent to 45 per cent, with central heating from 55 per cent to 78 per cent, and with telephones from 67 per cent to 87 per cent. The proportion of households with two or more cars has risen from 13 per cent to 23 per cent.

The survey has been recording the increase in the purchases of consumer durables since 1972, when statistics about television sets, washing machines and telephones were compiled. Other items were added later. It was decided to stop counting the number of households with refrigerators in 1985, when ownership reached 95 per cent.

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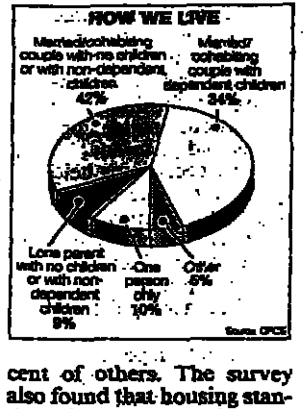
Deprived families live on budgets of £100 a week

A STRIKING difference between the incomes of the growing number of one-parent families in Britain and other households has been found by the survey, with more than half of the country's one-parent households existing on £100 a week or less (David Young writes).

The survey found that 52 per cent of one-parent families lived in households with a weekly income of £100 or less compared with only 5 per cent of married or cohabiting families. In contrast, 46 per cent of married or cohabiting families lived in households with a weekly income of more than £350, with only 8 per cent of one-parent families living in such circumstances. All income figures are before tax.

In 1971 only 8 per cent of households were one-parent families with dependent children. In 1989 that figure had risen to 17 per cent. Although high for Europe, that is still far behind the US, where 25 per cent of families are one-parent ones.

The figures show that one-parent families are more likely to rent their homes from local authorities or rent privately, 54 per cent renting from local authorities compared with 17 per cent of other families and 10 per cent renting in the private sector compared with 4 per cent of others. The survey also found that housing standards for one-parent families were likely to be lower, with only 8 per cent living in detached homes compared with 26 per cent of married couples.



Single parents were also less likely to have facilities such as central heating, 71 per cent compared with 85 per cent of other families.

The "traditional" British household, made up of a married couple living with dependent children, is on the decline, the survey says.

"It is interesting to note that the traditional household, consisting of a couple with dependent children has comprised less than one third of all households for some considerable time. Indeed, the proportion of households classified in this way has been in decline. In 1979, 31 per cent of households were of this type compared with 26 per cent in 1989."

The report shows that 36 per cent of households now consist of a married or cohabiting couple with no dependent children, 27 per cent with no children at all and 9 per cent with older non-dependent children. Another 9 per cent of households are made up of lone parents, 5 per cent of them with dependent children and 4 per cent with non-dependent children. One-person households account for 25 per cent of all households. The remaining 4 per cent of households contained two or more unrelated adults or two or more families.

Home ownership is at 66%

THE sale of council houses to sitting tenants, which became a right in 1981, and the growth of the mortgage market, means that 1989 ended with 66 per cent of households in Britain owning or in the process of buying their own home (David Young writes).

According to the general household survey, in 1971 home ownership was at 49 per cent. In the two years before interviews were conducted, 12 per cent of people in the public rented sector had taken steps to find out about buying, compared with 10 per cent in 1981, when the right to buy was first introduced, and only 5 per cent in 1985, when the initial peak of council house buying had passed.

The survey found that there was less interest in buying their homes among those living in rented flats and in homes where the head of the houshold was older than 65, unemployed or working in lower paid manual jobs. Those living alone were also less inclined to buy.

The figures show that in the decade 1978-1989 the proportion of households with a mortgage increased from 30 per cent to 42 per cent, while the proportion of housing in the local authority sector fell from 34 per cent to 24 per cent. Private unfurnished rented accommodation halved from 8 per cent to 4 per cent.

The report also shows that ethnic minority groups were less likely to own their homes outright, although of the three main ethnic groups, heads of households of Indian origin were most likely to be buying their home with a mortgage.

Drivers in London favour tolls

EVIDENCE that could strengthen government determination to investigate road tolls came yesterday from a survey that shows that six out of ten London drivers are in favour of charging motorists to enter the capital (Kevin Eason writes).

Ministers want to discover whether road-pricing is an option, particularly in congested towns and cities, but they face enormous opposition from motoring organisations and the freight transport industry. The Automobile Association, which commissioned the report in conjunction with the National Economic Development Office and the London Planning Advisory Committee, said charges were a socially divisive "last-resort solution".

However, 43 per cent of the 500 motorists questioned by the Harris Research Centre in the London area said that they were prepared to accept road-user charges to combat traffic congestion. That figure rose to 62 per cent when the measure was linked to proposals to plough back the money into improving roads.

The AA strongly opposes tolls, calling for better enforcement of parking rules, coordination of road works to minimise disruption, more car parks at railway stations and a "massive" investment in the transport network.

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New Thames crossing is close to approval

By Michael Dynes, transport correspondent

PLANS to build a river crossing in east London and extend the City airport runway to enable it to introduce jet aircraft are expected to be approved shortly by the joint public enquiry into the proposals.

A decision to proceed with the schemes would improve the road network in a notoriously congested sector of the capital, while at the same time enabling the airport to reverse its ailing fortunes by offering improved services to European destinations.

Opponents of the schemes insist, however, that the combined effect of the bridge, road and runway proposals will cause immense environmental damage, generate more road traffic, and subject residents to a big increase in aircraft noise. The bridge approach roads in the south would also cut a swathe through Oxleas Wood, one of London's ancient woodlands.

The enquiry, which ended in January, is the second held into the two schemes, after the decision by planning officials to change the design of the bridge to a box girder construction, eliminating the towers that would have prevented jets using the airport.

The proposed £75.3 million six-lane crossing at Gallions Reach, which would link the A13 at Beckton, north of the Thames, to the A2 at Falconwood, south of the river, is part of the transport department's long-term plan for providing a coherent road network for long-distance traffic moving around London.

Local objectors took their protest to the European Commission in 1989, arguing that the minister's decision violated the European Community directive requiring an environmental impact assessment to be completed before the road was built.

Transport officials maintain, however, that the EC directive did not come into force until 1988, four years after the draft orders for the approach roads were published. Brussels has so far failed to rule on the issue.

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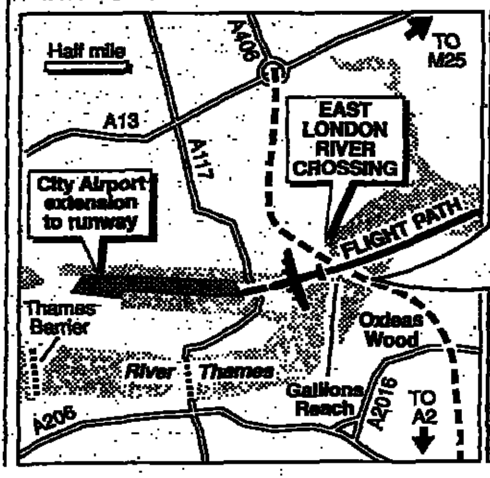

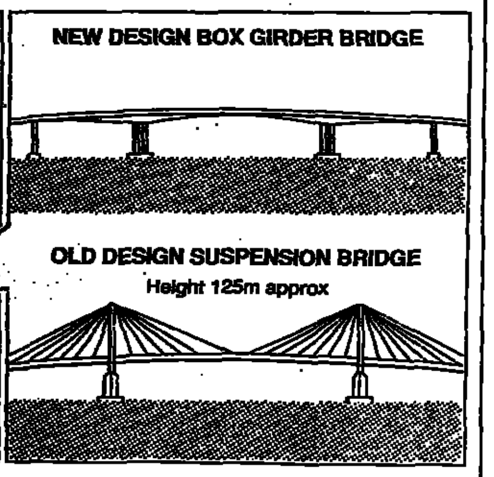

Pollution-cutting hybrid car on way

By Kevin Eason

A REVOLUTIONARY hybrid car, which could reduce pollution in towns and cities, could be in Britain within months. The British arm of the German manufacturer Audi says it is negotiating to import the vehicle, which was unveiled earlier this month at the Frankfurt motor show and is going into production.

Audi says that the car, which uses electric batteries in conjunction with a conventional petrol engine, is the quickest solution to cutting city air pollution. It would also be timely, with ministers in Britain threatening to advise motorists to leave their cars at home after recent levels of sulphur dioxide in London were twice as high as European Community guidelines. The otherwise standard Audi 100 estate, fitted with a normal two-litre petrol engine, can be converted into a silent-running, pollution free electric car in towns and cities at the push of a button.

The petrol engine can be recalled as soon as required, at which point it carries out the vital task of recharging the sodium-sulphur power cells, which are 30 per cent lighter than conventional lead-acid batteries. Audi engineers say that the batteries can also be recharged from the mains via a conventional plug, or from a solar collection system which could be installed.

Electric cars are hampered by having a relatively short range of 100 miles and they are poor performers compared with petrol-engined rivals. They may also be a lot less environmentally friendly than they seem.

Recent studies in Germany discovered that if all the internal combustion engines in Cologne were replaced by electric-powered cars, trucks and buses, the extra demand on Germany's power stations would be enough to generate 20 per cent more emissions of carbon dioxide, the gas chiefly responsible for global warming.

The Audi hybrid, by contrast, offers the normal range of about 300 miles from the petrol engine plus the 50 miles of electric running on one charge. The batteries could theoretically be charged several times during one journey.

No prices have been fixed yet, but the first cars into Britain would be offered to local authorities and utilities for testing.

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Defiant Saddam tests US patience

From MARTIN FLETCHER
IN WASHINGTON

AS THE United Nations Security Council considered the latest Iraqi letter, the White House was grappling with the broader problem of how to end for good President Saddam Hussein's brinkmanship in defying the UN.

This was the focus of a meeting between an exasperated President Bush and his advisers on Wednesday. "He has a pattern that will continue regardless of the inspector situation, and we need to find a solution that will end this cat-and-mouse game overall," one official was later quoted as saying.

Colin Powell, chairman of the joint chiefs of staff, spoke after that meeting, dissipating patience with "this Perils of Pauline game we go through with the Iraqi government every few days". Marlin Fitzwater, the White House press secretary, expressed frustration at Saddam's conduct.

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Israelis prepare to retaliate for future Iraq missile attacks

From RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

ISRAEL would almost certainly respond militarily against Iraq if there were renewed hostilities in the Gulf region and fresh missile attacks on the Jewish state.

Israeli military sources and observers said yesterday that they believed an Iraqi offensive against Israel was unlikely, but recalled that President Saddam Hussein had the capability and the political nerve to order a new Scud attack against Israel. Lieutenant-General Ehud Barak, the new Israeli chief of staff, said in an interview published yesterday: "We are monitoring all events in Iraq and when there is something we should do we will do it without announcement."

Senior military sources said that the Israelis were ready both defensively and offensively for any eventuality and if attacked would respond quickly and decisively using air and ground forces. A new military command headed by a major-general with his own staff and infrastructure will soon be established in the Israeli defence force with responsibility for all civil defence operations, including distribution of gas masks.

But one senior officer predicted yesterday that the defensive operations would be shortlived if there were future Iraqi missile attacks because the Israeli public, military hierarchy and government would insist on rapid and decisive retaliation. "I can't see how we could explain to the Israeli public that missiles are falling and we are not reacting. Israelis are not ready to sit in a sealed room again or run for the shelters."

A retaliation plan was drawn up during the Gulf war, when Israel was hit by 39 Scud surface-to-surface missiles. But it was never put into practice because of the allied war effort against Iraq, and repeated appeals from Washington to Israel to stay out of the conflict and not threaten the coalition of Western and Arab forces. During that period, however, Israeli air force pilots and rapid deployment troops from elite combat units underwent intensive training for a mission aimed primarily at knocking out the missile capability in western Iraq.

Zeev Schiff, Israel's most respected military commentator, said: "If the Iraqis do something, the chances of us retaliating are much greater. There is no coalition in Saudi Arabia now. Many in the higher echelons [of the Israeli military] do feel that maybe it was a mistake to accept American demands to stay out of the fight."

As the prospects of a Middle East peace conference approach, Israeli officials said they wanted to send a clear signal to their Arab neighbours that if attacked Israel had not lost its ability to perform spectacular military operations in retaliation.

Campus victim: Professor John Cartwright, dean of arts at the mainly white University of Cape Town, running in flames yesterday from a barricade set up by black students. He suffered slight burns. The students barged into lecture halls and danced on tables to try to close classes in support of university workers who are striking over a pay claim. The protesters were unable to close the university, however, as they did on Wednesday. "Nobody is entitled to use violence or coercion to stop others from working or others from studying", Stuart Saunders, the vice-chancellor, said. ***(AP)***

America filters Noriega chitchat

From ALAN TOMLINSON
IN MIAMI

THE narcotics trial of General Manuel Noriega, the former Panama strongman, is being made safe from embarrassment for the White House and the American intelligence community by a new weapon in the American war on drugs called "white noise".

A device that fills the courtroom with a sound like static on a radio is being employed to prevent jurors from overhearing huddled conversations between the judge, prosecutors and defence lawyers about matters deemed too sensitive to the national security to be disclosed.

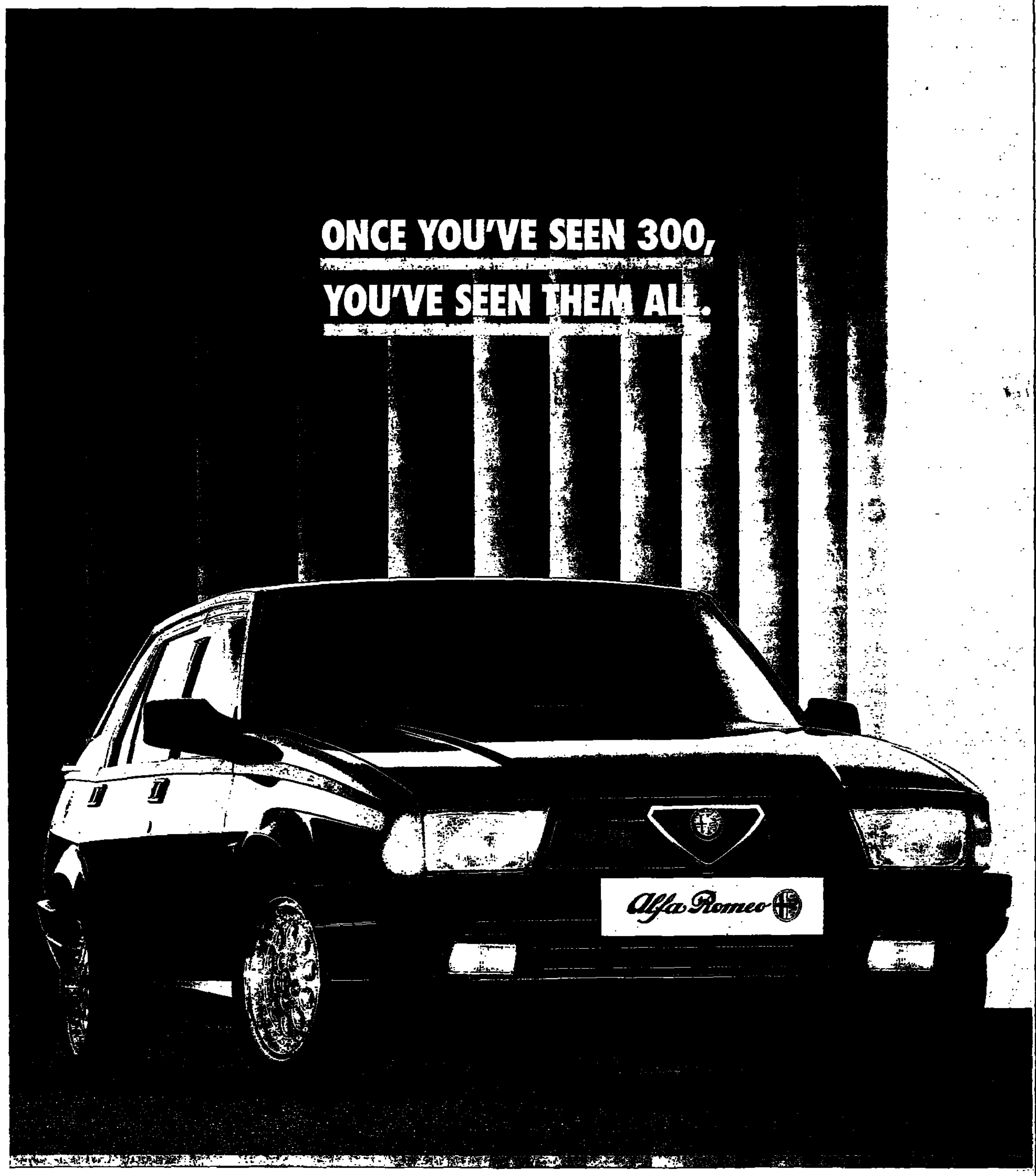
The contents of these private debates, normally included in the court record, are also being censored from public transcripts of the proceedings by security experts in Washington, a process euphemistically described as "redaction". As a result, the press and public may never learn many of the secrets that General Noriega claims to know about American dealings with Panama and may never hear much of the evidence that the fallen ruler planned to use in his defence — nor, it seems, may the jury.

Under strictures imposed by the government through its Confidential Information Protection Act, the defendant must submit for prior scrutiny "any evidence related to national security or intelligence matters, including ... the CIA ... or similar entity". The order "presumes" that any such evidence must contain classified information.

the order has so severely limited the freedom of the defence to cross-examine government witnesses as to render its task practically impossible and the proceedings laughable at times.

After private debates in a corner of the courtroom beyond the jury's hearing, and drowned for good measure in white noise, Judge William Hoeveler ruled almost regularly in favour of prosecution objections on issues clearly pertinent to a case in which the accused has given notice that he will allege in his defence, at least in part, that American government agencies, including the CIA, condoned or complied with activities that have resulted in his indictment.

Noriega: White noise works for White House



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Japanese finance minister to resign

From JOANNA PITMAN
IN TOKYO

RYUTARO Hashimoto, the Japanese finance minister, told members of the ruling Liberal Democratic party yesterday that he has decided to resign his post to take responsibility for the $6 billion (£3.5 billion) fraud, illicit compensation and illegal share manipulation scandals that have disgraced his ministry and its banking and broking constituents during the past four months.

He said that he will step down after he has attended the annual International Monetary Fund and World Bank talks in Bangkok next month.

In August, as fresh evidence of financial skulduggery was surfacing and it emerged that his secretary was linked to a former Fuji Bank official who was arrested for forging bank deposit certificates, Mr Hashimoto promised to resign once he had ensured amendments to the securities and exchange law, aimed at preventing scandals.

The lower house of the Diet is expected to approve the proposed legislation today, although opposition members have said that the amendments are superficial and will do little to clean up malpractice in the industry, which has been aided by the finance ministry. The minister's resignation is seen, however, as a mainly ritual response and not likely to harm his political career.

Pathan riflemen salute princess

From CHRISTOPHER THOMAS at MICHNI POINT, KHYBER PASS

WHAT the bearded Pathan tribesmen, their women nowhere to be seen, made of the Princess of Wales yesterday was difficult to gauge. But they did leave their rifles in several piles before lining the dusty village streets to watch her drive through to the Khyber Pass. It was no small gesture of respect.

The government's militiamen, who maintain some vague semblance of official authority on the snaking road, stood to attention as she drove by. The rest cheered as her Mercedes kicked up the dust. It was the biggest reception of her four days in Pakistan.

The princess wore a red floral skirt and short-sleeved top, very different from the clothes worn by frontier women who are often shrouded in the all-enveloping burka when they venture outside their homes. On the winding road through the bare, dun-coloured hills to the pass, she passed through the tribal smuggler bazaar at Jamrud where virtually anything is available — from a kilogram of heroin to a pocket television.

Slabs of hashish that normally decorate roadside stalls in Jamrud were removed for the visit, but reappeared as soon as the princess passed back down the road on the last full day of her stay in Pakistan. The princess, making her longest solo trip, is due to leave for Britain today.

The royal party drove under escort from Peshawar through the lawless Khyber Agency where Pathan tradition demands that every man is armed. Most of the guns stayed in the background when she headed for Michni Point, a paramilitary garrison looking down to the Afghan border post at Torkhan.

There she gazed at the border village two miles away where last month a Scud missile launched by Afghan forces at Mujahedin rebels overshot and killed three Pakistani soldiers. She charmed the officers of the paramilitary Khyber Rifles, posing for pictures with them. She signed autographs for Maria Inam, an officer's daughter, and inscribed her copy of the *Princess of Wales Fashion Book*.

Lieutenant-Colonel Khizar Hayat, commandant of the Khyber Rifles, told the princess that the tribesmen were tough, religious and masters of arms. They were the best friends and the worst enemies. They were freedom-loving, brave and hospitable.

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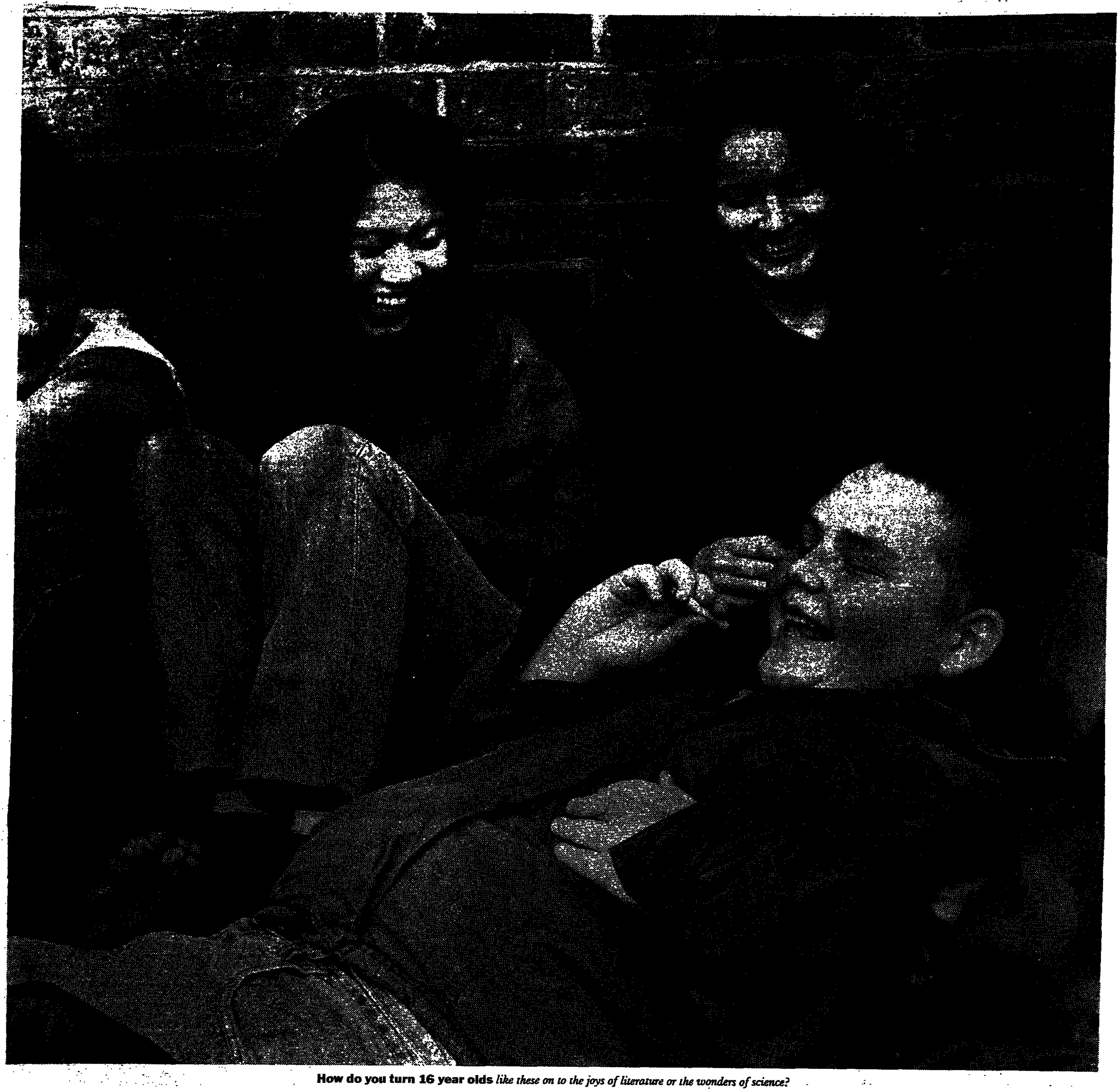

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Reforming hero becomes mayor Muscovites love to hate

Popov: democrat with a hint of the autocrat

Gavriil Popov, not so long ago Moscow's democratic darling, has succeeded in putting everyone's back up, reports **Charles Bremner**

IF THINGS were not so dire, what with the country falling apart and talk of impending famine, more Muscovites might be relishing the lighter side of recent municipal life.

The grey old days certainly offered nothing to compete with duelling police chiefs, hunger strikes by stockbrokers and city councillors, and the adventures of a mayor with property ambitions that would shame Donald Trump.

The instigator of these recent episodes is the mayor, Gavriil Popov, the former democratic reformer whose ever-worn sweater and mop of grey hair give him the look of a middle-aged Slavic Beatle. After being everyone's favourite democrat in June, when he was confirmed in office with a big popular mandate, Mr Popov has embarked on a colourful – his enemies say autocratic – course that has put backs up all the way from the American embassy to Lenin's tomb. In recent days, he has, for example, been denounced on television as a bandit by Professor Abel Aganbegyan, one of the fathers of perestroika, and called a tyrant by the staff of the Lenin museum.

On Wednesday, opposition had risen to the point that Eduard Shevardnadze and other eminent figures had to call out a rally in the mayor's support. The same day, Mr Popov had suffered a defeat when a new police chief, General Vyacheslav Komissarov, a career officer appointed by the council, was sworn into office against the mayor's wishes. He had picked Arkady Murashev, a liberal physicist, for the post and for two weeks it was not clear which man would emerge to take on the formidable job of cracking down on the gangsters and swindlers now prospering in the vacuum left from the collapse of Soviet power. It took a hunger strike by several members of the council and calls from the Russian parliament to force through the appointment of General Komissarov.

Mr Popov's troubles began in earnest in late August in the triumphal rush after the coup, when Boris Yeltsin, the president of the Russian Federation, gave him special executive power that allows him to bypass the council and impose price controls on private trading and to oversee the conversion of state property to private ownership.

The idea of price limits threw the fledgeling business world into a fury and prompted Konstantin Borovoy, the head of the Russian commodity and stock exchange, to start a hunger strike and threaten to declare the whole city and its eight million people to be a "zone unhealthy to business". Of course, the reality is that Moscow has already held that status for 74 years.

Mr Popov's assistants insist that he remains as committed as ever to a free market but he might have to control basic food prices if they soar out of reach.

Muscovites are more worried about what everyone assumes will be a price explosion than they are about any other subject, according to the opinion polls, a fact confirmed by listening to the talk at any trolley-bus stop. Their alarm is compounded by a widespread inability to distinguish between the old evil of black-market speculation and the new era of supply and demand.

It is in his fondness for big buildings that Mr Popov has ruffled the broadest range of feathers. There seems barely a majestic edifice, bar the Kremlin, that has not caught his fancy, at least acording to his enemies. He began by purloining the headquarters of Comecon, the now defunct Eastern bloc's answer to the EC. As far as most Muscovites were concerned, he was welcome to this gloomy tower which looms over Mr Yeltsin's "White House" parliament.

Then, however, he reached for the spectacular old home on the edge of Red Square of Moscow's prerevolutionary city council, which for decades has housed the central Lenin museum. This was too much for die-hard Communists. They have been denouncing him in *Pravda*, appealing to the United Nations, and forming human chains with chants of "Hands off Lenin".

Worst of all, to Moscow's chattering classes, was Mr Popov's grab last week for the grand old buildings of the USSR Academy of the National Economy, the internationally renowned institute headed by Professor Aganbegyan. Last Thursday, the staff turned up for work and found the doors sealed and a note affixed to them stating: "No work: sealed by order of Mayor Popov."

After a day of telephone calls, Professor Aganbegyan gained access, though perhaps only for a time.

For all his tribulations, Mr Popov enjoyed one piece of good news this week: President Gorbachev has appointed him to his new advisory council.

Carrington advises Yugoslavia to rebuild on EC lines

From TOM WALKER IN THE HAGUE AND CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN ZAGREB

LORD Carrington, the chairman of the Yugoslav peace conference, yesterday said that the country's warring republics could be remodelled into a Yugoslav economic union, along the lines of the European Community.

Recognising that the fragile ceasefire was the most hopeful sign of an end to the conflict, Lord Carrington said the conference must now "be accelerated, in so far as it is possible". Cautious optimism about the shaky ceasefire increased yesterday when federal army troops and armour withdrew from barracks in the Croatian town of Vinkovci, one of the tensest areas.

Western military experts said that the pullout, agreed in secret talks between Franjo Tudjman, the Croatian president, and General Veljko Kadijevic, the federal defence minister, neutralised one of the country's worst potential military flashpoints.

Lord Carrington, a deeply pessimistic figure last week when the conference's last session had to be abandoned because of heavy fighting, was in much more confident mood. "Last week everything was overshadowed by the fact that the ceasefire had not held, and there seemed no purpose to the process with everyone killing one another. But now it is holding, and if there is more progress it can hold further," the former British foreign secretary said.

But he is in a race against time, for the EC-brokered moratorium agreed at Brioni, suspending Slovenia's and Croatia's demands for independence for three months, expires on October 7. If either republic is unhappy at the framework suggested by the peace conference by then, it may walk away from the negotiating table and plunge the country into more violence.

"What happens by October 7 is still a hypothetical question. We will have to wait and see," said Vladislav Jovanovic, the Serbian foreign minister. "I sincerely hope that neither the Croats nor the Slovenes leave," said Lord Carrington.

His idea of an EC-type framework will be considered by three working groups, to be permanently installed in The Hague. One will look at economics, and how the six republics could be given secure trade links; another will look at the vexed question of ethnic minorities, the flashpoint for so much of the violence; and a third will consider a constitutional framework that could succeed the Yugoslav federation.

The Bosnian foreign minister, Haris Silajdzic, gave the idea cautious support. He claimed that Montenegro and Macedonia both supported the plan, but that Serbia rejected it and Croatia's wish for full-scale independence remained unchanged. He added though, that the Croatian delegation had shown a "more relaxed attitude".

Lord Carrington said the economic committee "could look at monetary union, a central bank, a single currency, that sort of thing". But in spite of these constructive ideas, yesterday's meeting was marred by the sort of obstinacy that has caused ceasefire after ceasefire to break down. Mr Jovanovic refused to acknowledge that any Croatian land had been seized by Serb militias: "Those territories belong to the Serb people who have been living there for centuries," he insisted. Nor did he say that he would ask the federal army, which is currently acting as a dubious "buffer force", to leave the land claimed by Serbia. "The army is a federal institution; it is up to the federal presidency."

The Serb foreign minister denied that the federal army had been supporting Serbia, saying instead that it had "been provoked". He added that if Croatia renews its claims for independence on October 7, the territory that his militias have seized will not be negotiable.

To counter this sort of intransigence, Lord Carrington again dangled the carrot of aid and economic co-operation. "I don't need to remind you that Jacques Delors, the EC Commission's president, has made it clear there must by a successful outcome to the peace conference before any aid can be considered." He said the conference would convene again next week "to take stock of progress". On Monday, EC defence ministers will meet under the aegis of the Western European Union and consider providing military personnel to safeguard the community's monitors in Yugoslavia.

Abortion debate opens divisions in united Germany

From IAN MURRAY IN BONN

IN THE most passionate debate since German unification, the Bundestag yesterday demonstrated how deeply divided the country remains on the subject of abortion. In a series of emotional speeches, factions lined up behind one or other of six rival drafts for the new abortion law, meant to be in place before the end of next year.

In the rush to unification a year ago, both Germanies realised that their abortion legislation was so different that it was impossible in the time available to agree a new law for a united country. Abortion in the east was available on demand, but in the west it was always illegal unless approved on medical or psycho-social grounds. The unification treaty allowed the two laws to continue until the end of next year, by when a nationwide law is supposed to have been passed by a free vote in the Bundestag.

Yesterday's opening debate, dominated for once by women members, showed how difficult it is going to be to keep to that timetable. Even before the debate began it was agreed there was no chance of a compromise draft being approved yet. A special parliamentary committee is now to be set up to narrow the differences before any vote.

The search for a compromise is complicated by the fact that a narrow majority already exists for a law which would give a woman the final say in whether or not she should have an abortion. This idea is backed by virtually all the opposition Social Democrats (SPD), while other supporters include the liberal Free Democrats (FDP), the junior partners in the government coalition, and several prominent members of the Christian Democrats (CDU), the party of Helmut Kohl, the chancellor.

However, a majority within the CDU and its Bavarian sister party, the Christian Social Union (CSU), believe that a doctor must have the last word. Even though a free vote is involved, Herr Kohl wants at all costs to avoid the FDP and some of his own party members voting with the opposition Social Democrats. This would weaken his authority at a time when the FDP is proving rebellious and is hinting it would be prepared to join a future SPD-led government coalition.

Herr Kohl has little or no room to manoeuvre within his own party. The most fervent advocate for the rights of the unborn child was Herbert Werner, a right-wing Christian Democrat. Every child was created in God's image, he said in putting forward his own draft, which would imprison any woman having an abortion without medical proof that childbirth would kill her. The fact that there have been about 300,000 abortions in Germany, legal or illegal, was a dreadful sign of how society had degenerated, he said.

The mainstream CDU-CSU draft is less strict, offering DM1,000 (£330) in maternity allowances to encourage motherhood. But this is virtually the existing legislation in the west. The promised better benefits are largely aimed at persuading women from the poorer east to have children.

Prophet margins: one of two blocks of American stamps, printed upside down by mistake in 1918, which have been auctioned for $1.21 million (£699,000) by Christie's in New York. They marked the first US airmail flight

Grim vigil: a woman waiting anxiously near the Tbilisi television centre last night as the political turmoil in the Georgian capital headed for a showdown. Zviad Gamsakhurdia, the Soviet republic's president, pledged to crush by force the national guard, former ministers and opposition politicians defying his authority (Bruce Clark writes). The rebels have taken refuge in the television station which has become the focus of the struggle. The government says it will disarm the guards protecting them. Mr Gamsakhurdia said: "We will act in such a way as to have as little bloodshed as possible."

Shadow of Barbie still hangs over France

From PHILIP JACOBSON IN PARIS

IF THE unmourned death of Klaus Barbie in a prison hospital closes one chapter of France's painful wartime history, the former Gestapo commander may still have the power to reopen emotional wounds. The body of the "Butcher of Lyons" was hardly cold before his French lawyer, Jacques Vergès, let it be known that Barbie had left a last testament on the circumstances surrounding the death in Gestapo hands of the Resistance hero, Jean Moulin.

"There is no longer any mystery about what happened," M Vergès said yesterday, indicating that he would go into more detail at a later date. Those in authority who had prevented Barbie from testifying on the Moulin affair during his trial for crimes against humanity four years ago, said M Vergès, could not now prevent the truth coming out.

With the passage of time, Barbie may conceivably have been the only person who knew beyond doubt whether Moulin was really tortured to death by the Gestapo after his capture in Lyons in June 1943, or if he killed himself in despair upon discovering that he had been betrayed by comrades in the Resistance.

Barbie's death revives memories that many in France would greatly prefer to leave undisturbed. Not one of the numerous French officials who served under the Germans during the occupation has ever been brought to trial, despite the existence of damning evidence from government files in both countries.

In the case of René Bousquet, a retired Parisian banker aged 82, there is proof that, as Vichy chief of police, he assisted personally with the round-up and deportation of large numbers of Jews (including several thousand young children) to nazi death camps. This year M Bousquet was formally accused of crimes against humanity, but he denies the charges and the competence of French courts.

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Russians warned of hardline danger

Moscow – Eduard Shevardnadze, the former foreign minister and one of the eminent reformers appointed to President Gorbachev's new political council of advisers, has renewed his strong warnings of the danger of a another attempt by communist hardliners to take control of the Soviet Union (Charles Bremner writes).

He told a cheering crowd at a rally on Wednesday night in support of Gavriil Popov, Moscow's mayor, that they faced difficult times and called on all democrats to unite. "I don't want to dramatise things, but I am troubled by what is going on today ... difficult trials await us."

Mr Gorbachev appointed a team of reformers and former aides to his political councilto advise him on creating a new union from the ruins of the Soviet state.

Hope of Hanoi refugee accord

Hong Kong – Nguyen Manh Bien, aged 32, a former fisherman, yesterday became the 10,000th Vietnamese boat person to return home from Hong Kong voluntarily (Jonathan Braude writes). In Hanoi, British officials were optimistic about the chances of reaching agreement with Vietnam soon on ways to return more boat people who do not volunteer.

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees has been forced to drop cash allowances for returning volunteers because of fears that some boat people were leaving Vietnam for Hong Kong solely to get the allowances.

Fair ban stays

Bonn – The ban on Iranian publishers at the Frankfurt book fair, which was imposed in 1989 after Ayatollah Khomeini's death sentence on Salman Rushdie, is to continue. After intense public criticism, the organisers have decided to withdraw an invitation to eight Iranian publishers to take part.

Extradition rule

Ottawa – The Supreme Court of Canada cleared the way for the extradition of Charles Ng, an American accused in California of torture and sex killings committed more than six years ago. The tribunal decides whether to return someone to a jurisdiction where he could face the death penalty, which Canada does not have.

Sherry gloom

Jerez de la Frontera – Half of Spain's sherry grape harvest is certain to be lost because of a three-week-old strike by vineyard workers and bad weather, the employers' federation said. It added that job cuts and closures of some sherry houses were likely. Half the harvest has been picked. *(Reuter)*

Peace rethink

Johannesburg – Small black parties formerly hostile to negotiations are signalling their readiness to join South African talks on a new constitution. The breakthrough came after talks between Nelson Mandela, the ANC president, and the Pan Africanist Congress and the Azanian People's Organisation.

Alligator scare

Seattle – Police were searching the streets and waterways of Seattle for a 100lb alligator which disappeared from a two-day exhibition at the city's Pacific Science Centre. A $400 (£230) reward has been offered for information leading to capture of the 4ft reptile, which has not been seen since Sunday morning. *(Reuter)*

Mental ordeal of Soviet orphans

Western experts have found that abuses of psychiatry common under Brezhnev are still being inflicted on abandoned children. **David Watts** reports

A SPECIAL mission to the Soviet Union has opened a "window of horror" revealing the condemnation of thousands of normal orphans and abandoned children to lives of treatment with heavy-handed psychiatry and drugs.

The group's findings are likely to raise new questions about the advisability of the reacceptance of Soviet psychiatry into world bodies. Soviet psychiatrists have clearly been aware of the practices in the orphans' homes, since the drugs used, not applicable to minors in the West, are identical to those used on political dissidents in the Brezhnev era. A senior Soviet psychiatrist told the group, led by Baroness Cox, that psychiatry, which was once used as a method of political control, was now being used for social control.

The children, often abandoned by alcoholic or poor parents, are classified as retarded. Dr Katharine Adler, consultant paediatrician at the Brook Hill Hospital, Rochdale, Valerie Muter, clinical psychologist at the Institute of Child Care, and Martin Turner, principal psychologist at the Dyslexia Institute, visited institutions in Moscow and St Petersburg at the invitation of Aleksandr Rodin, people's deputy of the city council of St Petersburg, and Valeri Borshchov, people's deputy of the Moscow city council. They heard that 16,000 youngsters are classified as orphans in St Petersburg, about 1.6 per cent of the population.

The three experts have produced the medical evidence for what Baroness Cox, a leading human rights campaigner, called a "trajectory of despair" which condemns the children to 19th-century institutions, a limited education and an adult life without family or the ability to do anything other than manual labour. Many of the staff of the institutions in the two cities, however, clearly love their charges and do their best within a restrictive system. One managed to win a place for one of his "sub-normal" children at the Moscow Conservatory of Music.

The experts tested 171 children from 15 institutions aged between 18 months and 18 years. On a group-administered screening test, a third of the St Petersburg children were misclassified. Eighteen of the 50 children assessed scored in normal limits, yet all had been diagnosed as "oligophrenic", which is defined by the health authorities as a "state of general psychological retardation."

After they leave state institutions the "orphans" can find employment only as virtual slave labour on production lines making such things as army boots. One young woman told how her boss took most of her weekly wage. The interview was terminated abruptly when the woman appeared. The orphans cannot obtain driving licences and the women are fitted automatically with coils or other contraceptive devices.

Many of them end up on the wrong side of the law in one of St Petersburg's "special schools" — in reality, remand prisons renamed to minimise the city's crime statistics. Here young men are crammed 15 to a room and shut up 23 hours a day. Trying to get fresh air at a window is an offence punishable by five days in solitary confinement. Inmates are regularly threatened with a term in a psychiatric institution for any wrongdoing.

Last night Baroness Cox called for the separation of mental illness from learning difficulties; the replacement of the concept of "oligophrenia" with an educational approach to learning difficulties, and an end to the inappropriate use of such drugs as magnesium sulphate, haloperidol and aminazin for non-medical purposes. She spoke of eager, open-faced children hungry for contact with the group when they visited the institutions. One sad-eyed 13-year-old, Dimitri, told her: "Please will you find me a mother? I want to get out of here." Another girl closed the door behind the group, for secrecy, to tell a story, heard repeatedly, of sexual abuse and beatings from the age of seven.

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El Salvador accord will put guerrillas into police uniform

From JAMES BONE
IN NEW YORK

THE government and guerrillas in El Salvador have signed a sweeping peace agreement that promises to bring an end to the 11-year civil war.

The accord does not call for a ceasefire in the vicious internecine conflict which has claimed 75,000 lives in the Central American nation of five million people. But the chief United Nations mediator, Alvaro de Soto, said that he hoped to put a formal end to the fighting by the end of the year.

"The Gordian knot has been untied," Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the UN secretary-general, said after attending a ceremony on Wednesday night. Since UN mediation began 18 months ago, the Gordian knot has been the guerrilla coalition's demand that its troops should be combined with the armed forces or that the armed forces should be dissolved.

The government rejected both demands. But during ten days of talks at UN headquarters, negotiators from both sides agreed that the Farabundo Martí National Liberation Front (FMLN) guerrillas should be allowed to participate in a newly created national police force under civilian authority.

Although details remain to be worked out at meetings due to begin on October 12 in Mexico, the accord apparently envisages local recruitment of police officers. That means that areas now under guerrilla control will probably be policed by former rebel fighters after a ceasefire.

The agreement also provides for the "purification" of the Salvadorean armed forces, which have been accused of brutal human rights abuses. Members of the 55,000-strong armed forces would be purged on the basis of an evaluation by an ad hoc commission, whose members are to be decided at a later stage.

In a key concession, the guerrillas agreed to allow two members of the armed forces to attend the commission's deliberations. It was also agreed in principle that the size of the army should be reduced, although again details remain to be worked out.

Once a ceasefire is agreed, the peace agreement will be supervised by a national commission for the consolidation of peace and has considerable power to arbitrate disputes. The commission will comprise two members each from the government and the guerrilla front, plus representatives of political parties, the Roman Catholic church, and the United Nations.

The Salvadorean civil war has its roots in the 1970s, when the country was ruled by one of Latin America's most entrenched military governments. Towards the end of the decade, three newly created clandestine groups began committing political assassinations and kidnappings, overwhelming the regime of General Carlos Humberto Romero. In October 1979, middle-level officers staged a coup that brought to power a military-civilian junta that promised reform.

The new government's land distribution programme provoked an orgy of violence, with as many as 10,000 people killed in the course of the next year alone, including in March 1980 the Roman Catholic archbishop, Oscar Romero.

● **San Salvador:** A court has secretly chosen a well protected jury of five civilians for the trial of nine soldiers, including a colonel, accused of the massacre in 1989 of six Jesuit priests, their housekeeper and her daughter at the University of Central America in San Salvador.

The trial, which was due to begin late yesterday, is believed to be the first time in recent history that soldiers in El Salvador have been tried in a human rights case by a civilian court. *(AP)*

Jamaica takes the Thatcherite road

By DAVID WATTS, DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

IN THE final stage of its change from Castro-style socialism to Thatcherism, Jamaica is to liberalise its foreign exchange market. Details were announced in the parliament on Tuesday after Michael Manley, the prime minister, had unveiled the policy in a speech to the nation.

For the man who once wanted to walk hand-in-hand with Fidel Castro and had a team of Cuban advisers, the cycle of political and economic belief has come full circle. The Jamaican prime minister, who the CIA once tried to overthrow, is now a valued adviser to President Bush on Latin America.

Mr Manley to some extent anticipated events by adopting the economic policies of his predecessor, Edward Seaga, when he took over after the 1989 elections. One of his first acts was to call together representatives of the private sector to reassure them.

Since then Mr Manley has moved to privatise the hotels of Jamaica and is now seeking to privatise the state airline, Air Jamaica. He has also ended food subsidies and freed the exchange rate of the Jamaican dollar. Working with the International Monetary Fund, he has slashed the state deficit.

Under Mr Manley, Jamaica is trying to shed the bananas and sugar image of a Caribbean economy; these days Montego Bay is just as hard at work attracting high-tech investment as it is tourists. Such diversification cannot come too soon: in 1992, Jamaican bananas will be more expensive in the EC than the dollar bananas from the rest of Latin America.

Bergalis: blames slipshod surgery sterilisation

Victim calls for dentist Aids tests

From SUSAN ELLICOTT
IN WASHINGTON

AMERICA'S latest symbol of the Aids era, Kimberly Bergalis, was wheeled expressionless before Congress yesterday to plead for a law requiring that medical workers be tested for the fatal disease before they perform invasive procedures on patients.

Ms Bergalis, aged 23, was the first of four Americans believed to have been infected with the Aids virus by their dentist, David Acer, a homosexual who sterilised his surgery equipment in slipshod fashion even though he knew he was HIV-positive. The dying woman made a 20-hour train journey from her home in Florida to fulfil a wish to testify about her anger that Congress has treated Aids as a human rights issue rather than as an infectious disease.

Ms Bergalis whispered a few sentences yesterday before her father pushed her from the hearing room in her wheelchair. "Aids is a terrible disease," she said. "I did nothing wrong to be made to suffer like this. My life has been taken away from me."

Politicians face pressure from medical groups and unions to back only the voluntary testing of health-care providers on the ground that the risk of transmission to patients is negligible if safety procedures are followed. Gay activists have argued that mandatory testing would threaten the livelihoods of medical workers with Aids.

Bio-trekkies seek to boldly grow

The eight people trying to live in an Arizona glasshouse for two years may be veritable eco-pioneers — or embarking on a scientific hoax. **Susan Ellicott** reports

STAR Trek no longer looked far-fetched as eight people locked themselves into a giant hi-tech greenhouse in the Arizona desert yesterday for a two-year study of the environment and certain ridicule by mainstream scientists.

As dawn broke over the Santa Catalina mountains, four men and four women dressed in black spacesuits waved goodbye to television cameras as Edward Bass, their multibillionaire sponsor from a Texas oil family, closed the door of his $150 million (£87 million) structure. Outside, celebrations included dances by American Indians, a cocktail party and a laser light show. Inside were a mini-ocean, marsh, desert, savanna, rainforest and 3,800 plant and animal species designed to allow the team to recreate Earth and its ecosystems.

The so-called Biosphere 2 is the latest of a dozen environmental projects by the self-dubbed "ecopreneur" and aims to construct a self-sustaining community for possible use in a spaceship or on another planet. The crew must plant, harvest and process its own food on a half-acre farm in the seven-storey glass and metal structure while recording a series of experiments. The members, all single and with film-star good looks, are allowed to have sex but pregnancy has been discouraged. None were couples before they set out.

"We will be custodians of our new little world," said Abigail Alling, aged 31, a US marine biologist on the team, her voice choking with emotion. "It's a brave new step." Many scientists, however, are more than sceptical. They point out that the largest closed ecosystem that has survived more than a few days was smaller than a football field and developed at the University of Miami. It contained only shrimp, algae and several micro-organisms. Critics of the project also have accused the maverick Mr Bass of being a New Age flake more interested in producing a profitable scientific theme park in one of the most beautiful regions of the American southwest. Hundreds of tourists visited the site each day over the summer, paying $9.95 to enter and stopping at the souvenir shop.

Nobody among the five Americans, two Britons and Belgian is meant to leave Biosphere 2 for two years unless seriously ill or dead. In either event they will be taken out through an air lock. Helping to ease their stay is a range of personal comforts, including telephones, televisions, private flats, a group kitchen, exercise equipment, fax machines and video recorders.

But, like all responsible citizens, they are expected to recycle. Mr Bass, who has admitted running the project like a business, has banned paper in his ecosystem. The Biospherians, as they call themselves, will deal with bodily waste by using bidets and washable cotton cloths.

Even the project's president, Margaret Augustine, has acknowledged that problems could occur within a month, forcing the crew to leave temporarily. Anyone who suffers from extreme psychological pressure will be withdrawn. Detractors have questioned her scientific qualifications because she earned a degree from the London-based Institute of Ecotechnics, which was set up by the project's director and funded by Mr Bass. Others have criticised Biosphere 2 for seducing respected scientists with research money in return for their assistance in design. Among the most august backers are the Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew, whose director drew up plans for the mini-rainforest.

In safe hands: a nanny carrying a baby arrives at Johannesburg with about 90 Belgian, French, German, Greek and Portuguese nationals fleeing from Zaire

Troops fire on crowd urging Mobutu to quit

By JAN RAATH IN HARARE AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

ZAIREAN troops fired to disperse protesters in Kinshasa, the capital, yesterday as foreigners continued to stream out of the riot-torn country. Government sources said several people were wounded.

Belgian soldiers who witnessed the incident said the troops fired on a crowd chanting for the resignation of President Mobutu. The government sources said the protesters were demanding the return of a political exile, Antoine Gizenga, leader of the left-wing Lumumba United party.

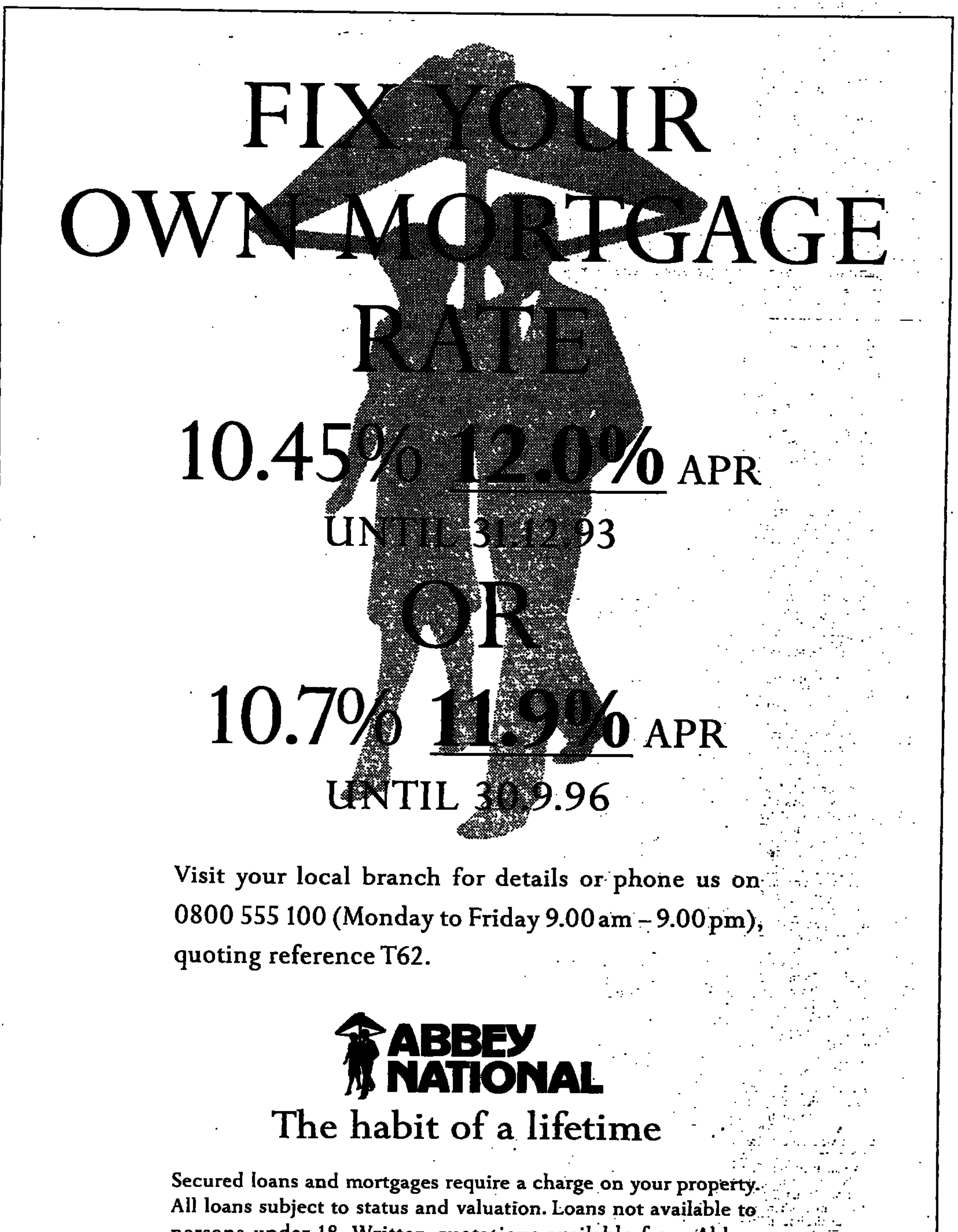
Diplomats said there were disturbances in the copper-mining towns of Lubumbashi and Kolwezi in the south, in Kisangani in the north and at the port city of Matadi. The relief organisation Médecins Sans Frontières said in Brussels yesterday that more than 100 people had died in the riots up to Wednesday and at least 1,500 had been injured.

France and Belgium, which have sent combined forces of about 1,700 paratroops to the former Belgian colony, said their troops would stay only long enough to evacuate thousands of foreigners living here. A first group of about 40 Americans joined hundreds of French, Belgian, Greek, Portuguese, Japanese and Swiss nationals leaving the country by ferry to Brazzaville, across the Zaire river.

"I saw nothing," said Edward Lyssan, an expatriate from Montreal fleeing unrest in the southern Shaba province, after arriving in Harare from Lubumbashi, near the border with Zambia, with Belgians, Lebanese, Greeks, Italians and French. "It was scary. I heard so much, I didn't have to see it to believe it," he said. "When you see people born in Zaire with major investments tied up in the country getting on the plane with their families and a small bag of clothing, it's enough."

This week was the third exodus of expatriates from Zaire since the 1960-61 bloody aftermath of independence, but this time it seems unlikely they will go back. Yesterday the last of a group of 35 Lebanese from Lubumbashi left Harare for Beirut. "I will never go back again," said one. "Can you imagine after six years in a country, you wake up one morning to find nothing left out of all you have worked for?"

Pierre el Khoury, another of the group, said: "Zaire is finished. We are fed up. If we go back and start again, whatever we invest will just be put into danger again."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Nation in need of a nanny

Kate Muir talks to Esther Rantzen about her latest campaign, to persuade Britain that it needs a minister for children

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Esther Rantzen: "A hundred years ago every husband had the right to beat his wife. I wonder if children are now where women were then"

The last blow has been struck against the W.C. Fields school of child psychology. "I like children," he said, "especially when boiled." On the front line of attack (again) is Esther Rantzen, OBE, screen queen, woman-of-the-people, mother-of-three, and inveterate children's rights campaigner. She announced yesterday in the annual National Children's Home lecture, that she wanted the government to appoint a minister for children. Pronto.

And what Esther says, shall be done. At least, that is what has happened on previous campaigns, and why should Ms Rantzen expect anything less now? The point seems sensible enough; children cannot themselves have a voice, and responsibility for them is taken by a series of buck-passing government departments, each with its own initiatives but without a coherent central policy. A children's minister, lobbying for children's rights in each department, would be like a toddler having a tantrum in a supermarket — hard to ignore.

The Labour party is keen as mustard on the idea, but the Conservatives are undecided, which is why Ms Rantzen decided it was time to step in. "I don't want this to become a political football, with one party saying no for no other reason than the other says yes. It should be above party politics. The people supporting it are from a wide range of backgrounds, from the House of Lords suggesting a youth minister, to charities."

There is much talk of parental rights, from custody, to educating children, and preventing social workers taking them away, but we hear next to nothing about children's rights, she says. "A hundred years ago every husband had the right to beat his own wife. It was recognised as perfectly acceptable discipline. I wonder if children are now where women were then."

Ms Rantzen points to the cross-examining of abused children in criminal trials, where they face the same intimidation and destructive questioning as rape victims did in the past. She saw the effect a lawyer can have on a nervous child first hand when she appeared as a witness after a *That's Life!* investigation into teachers abusing children at Crookham Court School, and wonders whether giving evidence by video link will make the experience any less traumatic.

Ms Rantzen is full of praise for measures such as the new Children Act, which puts the rights of the child to the fore in legal matters, but all around she sees anomalies: the Home Office announces plans to spot the "criminal child", while she says the education department is allowing them to be fed school lunches that lay the foundations for coronary heart disease, and the environment department is failing to provide playgrounds on the worst estates. "During the riots in Newcastle, a mother said that because there was nowhere to play, she took her son to 'see the fires'. Great." She can only laugh at the absurdity of it all.

As the viewers out there know, Ms Rantzen likes a laugh, which in some ways seems at odds with her utter seriousness when it comes to campaigns such as those for Childline, the phone counselling service for abused children. Many people still associate her with the persistent pursuit of the bad joke, the phallic vegetable, the dog which could say "sausages".

On her flowered sofa in Hampstead she is smaller and less garish than she appears on screen, and wants to talk in depth about what matters to her — children and more children. In the same way *That's Life!* has grown up as a programme since its incarnation in 1973, going from exposés of wicked door-to-door salesmen to full scale investigations into child abuse, Ms Rantzen, now 51, has grown with it, in stature and campaigning zeal. Although the word Esther often brings a snort and the words "That woman!" — as it did with another blonde woman who also graduated from Somerville College, Oxford — the word Childline is taken very seriously.

Only someone with her brass neck, as they say, could have been so influential. It is probably because of Ms Rantzen that you are at this moment wearing a flame-proof nightie, a safe riding hat, and there is no longer a crooked double glazing salesman at your door. It is also because of her in the main, that 170,000 physically, mentally and sexually abused children have been counselled by Childline.

In the late 1980s, with the murders of Jasmine Beckford and Kimberley Carlile, the sudden interest in child abuse, parental rights, and children's rights often reached hysteria. And then the swing in the opposite direction during the Cleveland and Orkney enquiries. Ms Rantzen and her campaigns hit the nation's pulse at exactly the right moment, and she hopes to do the same again with the minister for children.

She sees the recent peaking of interest in the child paralleling the interest at the close of the last century, when the combination of Dr Barnardo and Dickens raised consciouness that "starving, begging children on the streets were real human beings and not there to be kicked like dogs". The state system of children's homes and protection rose out of that era, but she believes that is too institutionalised and mechanical for present-day needs.

Relationships between parents and children are going the same way, she says. "I am going to say it again even though I know it makes me a laughing stock, but when we began to bottlefeed our children, it was a symbol of the distancing of the relationship, with nannies taking on the whole job of mothering. The sort of nannies I had brought my children to me wherever I was."

The mother of Emily, aged 13, Rebecca, 11, and Joshua, nine — who were born after she married her BBC boss Desmond Wilcox — was a serious breastfeeder and vociferous campaigner on the subject. "I even did it on radio, although we didn't intend that. Joshua was hungry."

She is also a traditionalist about regular bedtimes "but they should never take precedence over talks and cuddles". Unlike the headmaster who said yesterday, at the annual preparatory schools' conference, that seven-year-olds should be in bed by 7.30pm and 12 and 13-year-olds by 8.45pm, she allows her children up a little later. "Life isn't that cut and dried. Regular bedtimes are fine as part of a family routine, but they cannot create security in themselves."

She copes as a parent now because the BBC "has kindly moved the recording of *That's Life!* so I can be around at weekends". This sudden change of heart at the BBC, fitting in with parents' schedules, can be put down to the new men (in both senses) at the top, says Ms Rantzen, Jonathan Powell and Alan Yentob, who are parents themselves. Her minister for children will also, she hopes, look at the difficulties for working mothers. She still believes the mother's role is the most important — fathers are not so sensitive to non-verbal communication; mothers can *smell* when a child is feeling ill. "I don't want to shove her back into the kitchen, but I want to make her aware that it's possible to overstretch herself."

Prescriptive? Yes. Bossy? A bit. But without such conviction, nothing would get done. "I try not to be the nation's nanny," she says, grinning a great deal. "I really think I could devalue everything I do if people get bored with me telling them to stop smoking, stop drinking and stop smacking their children. I hope I'll be able to recognise it if I ever become counter-productive."

Anything for a quiet life

One man's scheme to repopulate the rural west of Ireland is improving the lives of Dublin families

"All you have to do is look out the door," says Paul Murphy, gesturing at the silky calm surface of the Shannon estuary, glistening in the sun away down the hill.

"That's daily life in Kilbaha," he continues in his unreconstructed Dublin accent. "The cows are milked in the morning and milked again in the evening and between that, nothing much happens."

Outside, the silence of the west of Ireland on a shimmering, sunny day. From the brown and white cottage set on the Loop peninsular in far west Co. Clare, you can see across infinitely sub-divided fields. In the distance is St Cuan's School, which Mr Murphy's children have been attending for a year. Slightly to the left is Moneen church, taking the eye zigzagging from farm cottage to farm cottage — many abandoned — out to the blue, unusually still, Atlantic.

As Mr Murphy, a former minibus driver from Dublin, suggests, nothing is happening in Kilbaha, the way nothing has happened there for decades. A herd grazing near the church has been moved to a new field, he notices.

No regrets: the Murphy family

Mr Murphy and his wife Bernie need no prompting to celebrate again the move from Dublin a year ago that has changed their lives and those of their children, Susan, aged eight, and Stephen, six.

"We haven't discovered anything we dislike about it yet," Mrs Murphy enthuses.

Just along the lane is their closest neighbour, Jim Connolly, a leading Irish sculptor who has made this new life possible for the Murphys and 35 families like them, with his scheme for the resettlement of the rural west of Ireland.

Mr Connolly and his wife Kathleen have lived in Kilbaha in a thatched cottage for more than 20 years. In that time they have watched the village and others like it wither away as the economics of modern farming dictate ever larger amalgamations and unemployment has driven the young to the cities or to Britain or the United States.

"There are parts of rural Ireland where you can take it for granted every second home is empty," Mr Connolly says. He found this disintegration of rural life "traumatic".

Mr Connolly's solution is to reverse this movement by offering families from deprived areas of Dublin the chance to start a new life in the country. The object is to identify empty houses that farmers have long given up hope of filling, negotiate a rent capable of being covered by social security, and then match them with families eager to move. This is not a scheme aimed at those looking for a second home.

For years Mr Connolly toyed with the idea without daring to go ahead, wondering whether the sceptics were right who told him it would never work, that it was unrealistic to expect city families to move to the middle of nowhere, where the prospects for employment are virtually nil.

But he always believed the plan would work. "On the one hand you have millions of people crammed into one overcrowded city and, on the other, all these empty houses and a shortage of people. I thought: 'Why can't they be brought together?' "

He could never have guessed at the scale of the response once he started canvassing his ideas on radio talk shows just over a year ago. He is now trying to cope with a waiting list of more than 500 families eager to exchange life in Dublin for Co. Clare, Galway, Tipperary, Sligo or Mayo.

With no financial assistance from the government or the EC, Mr Connolly and a small band of volunteer helpers have identified hundreds of houses available for rent, many of which can be made habitable at low cost.

Most of the families faced long-term unemployment in Dublin but agree with Mr Connolly that it is better to be on the dole in a crime-free environment, rich in space and clean air, than in the inner-city.

Mrs Murphy says that her family has become more relaxed and more outgoing since they arrived in Kilbaha. The trump card is the local school, where the children have swapped class sizes of 30 or more for just five or six.

"All the families that have moved are so happy for the children," Mr Connolly says. "They've all got problems with their houses or with shortages of money, but they are so happy for the children."

Of the families who have made the move so far, only one has retraced its steps. Almost all remain unemployed.

Back in the southwestern edge of Dublin, in the drab new town of Tallaght, the McGrail family are eager to get out. When I met them they were preparing for a trip to see a cottage that Mr Connolly had earmarked for them near Gort in north Co. Clare.

Mick and Bernie McGrail were sure that if the house were even remotely suitable, they would take it.

Mr McGrail, who drives a taxi in Dublin, is prepared to go on the dole if necessary in Clare. "It has to be a family decision," he says. "My kids, they love the country. We think of the freedom, the peace and quiet. It might not suit everybody, but it would certainly suit us."

EDWARD GORMAN

When a woman has to face the bald truth

The lessons learnt from losing your hair

Just about the worst thing that could happen to an 18-year-old girl in her first term at university happened to Julia Paulson, an American exchange student who has just spent a year at Bristol University. All her hair fell out.

Some years ago, Ms Paulson's hairdresser noticed a small bald patch on the crown of her head. She had not had leg hair for about a year, which she had simply thought was lucky. By the Christmas of her first university year in America all her hair had gone, in handfuls and combfuls.

Ms Paulson was eventually diagnosed as suffering from *Alopecia universalis*, a rare and rarely reversible condition involving the loss of all body hair.

"It is amazing where you have hair," she says. "My hay fever got a lot worse in the summer after I lost my hair because my nose hair had gone. Without eyelashes, my eyelids swelled up."

Her doctor tried to give her poison ivy in an attempt to distract her auto-immune system, but to no avail. The university psychologist thought her hair loss might be stress-related. "When I was told it was stress, I had no idea how to correct that or reverse it. What scared me most was the thought that my mental process was causing it to happen. People had been telling me to relax for years."

Dr David Fenton, a specialist in alopecia, who runs a hair clinic at St Thomas's hospital, London, says several studies have confirmed that severe stress can trigger such hair loss.

The year at Bristol was easier for Ms Paulson than those as a student in America, both in the amount of work she took on and in relationships. "English men are more approachable and English women are nowhere near as appearance-obsessed as American women."

Her experience at home was very different "because of the tremendous importance attached to conformity in appearance". Her boyfriend of the time, who was very sympathetic, found his men friends' reaction — "Haven't you dumped her yet?" — heartless.

When she first lost her hair Ms Paulson took to wearing a baseball cap. Boys stopped sitting next to her in class. It took her three years to build up the courage to go swimming again.

She has had to learn to cope with people's reactions. "If you sit on a bus with no hair people react either as if you are a punk or as if you are bald as a result of chemotherapy and are therefore dying."

She confided her attacks of despair in a woman friend who has cancer. The friend helped her emotionally and dragged her along to buy a wig. It took her a long time to start wearing it. She finds it emotionally bothersome to feel "the stab of fear that someone might walk in on me when I'm not wearing it".

According to Ms Paulson the wig industry in America is geared to the permanent wig. There are suction wigs that are so secure you can waterski in them, and others surgically sewn to the scalp. The procedure has to be repeated every six months, and carries with it the risk of infection. Neither solution is yet available in Britain. Hair weaving and implanting techniques are only possible for people with some hair.

Ms Paulson is not interested. "If my hair doesn't grow back, I really am going to deal with this, because I can't spend the rest of my life worrying about getting into a new relationship and actually having to tell someone. I feel really distanced from my face. Looking at myself in the mirror is always a surprise."

Her experience, of total hair loss, is rare. Dr Reginald Harris, a dermatologist at London's Royal Free Hospital, reports that 2 per cent of all outpatient dermatology cases are suffering from *Alopecia areata*, partial hair loss that will regrow in time. Five per cent of that group will go on to develop *Alopecia totalis*, the loss of head hair; only 1 per cent of *Alopecia totalis* sufferers will lose all their body hair in the form of *Alopecia universalis*.

After three years of total hairlessness, Ms Paulson does have small tufts of hair growing on her scalp and is optimistic. "Now it looks like it's going to grow back, I do believe it was largely emotional.

"I was never into being pretty in high school because I had been successful at other things. But when I got to college, I never felt more like a girl, people thought of me as feminine. Before I lost my hair, I took refuge in academic activities. Prettiness can be a refuge, too."

JUDITH STEINER

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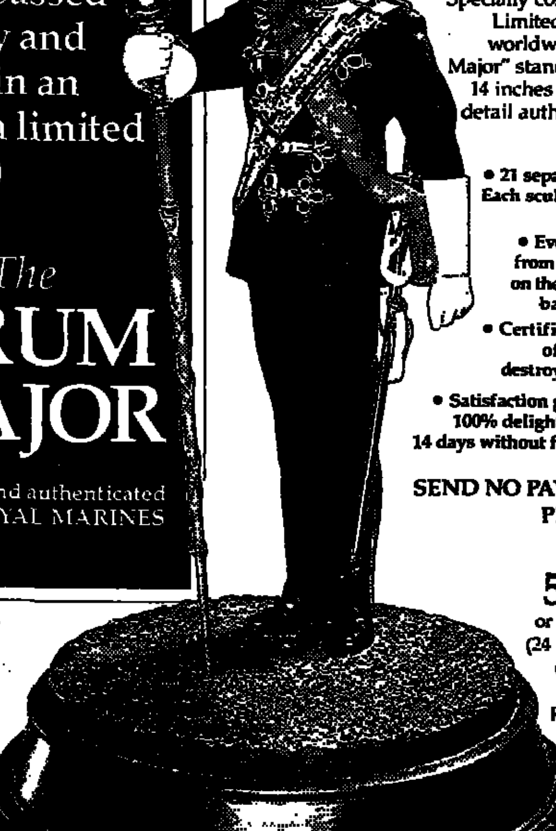

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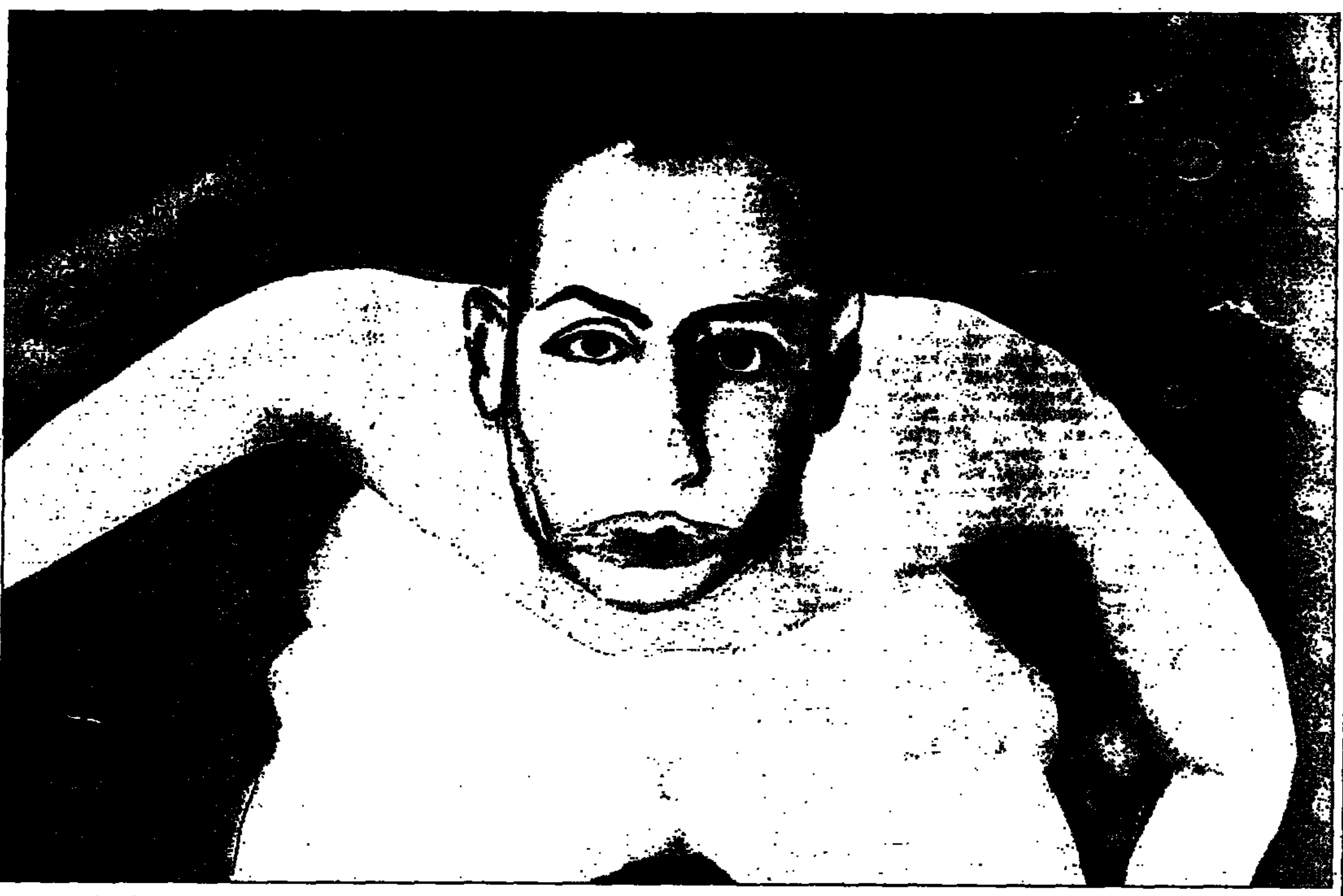
GALLERIES: LONDON

Explicit evidence of an instinctive soul

John Russell Taylor on the Royal Academy show of Francesco Clemente's works; and a commemorative exhibition of French artist Henri Gaudier-Brzeska



Meeting challenges head on: *Waiting*, one of Clemente's highly expressive watercolours, on show at the Royal Academy's "Three Worlds" exhibition

One could say it is premature to talk of the generation of artists who emerged ten years ago in shows such as "A New Spirit in Painting" and "Zeitgeist" in terms of survival. Most of them are hardly middle-aged, and some, such as **Francesco Clemente**, are not even 40. And yet, such is the speed at which cycles of fashion turn that already there is the danger that they may have been swamped by newer art-world crazes. It is not only in their media coverage that painters these days resemble pop stars.

The Clemente show at the Royal Academy is the first fairly comprehensive showing he has had in this country: the only significant previous show was "The Fourteen Stations" at the Whitechapel Art Gallery in 1983. That was confined to one series of large paintings; this gathers together some 125 works on paper — drawings, watercolours, pastels, etchings and lithographs — from 20 years and three countries, or "worlds" as the subtitle has it. Obviously this, though extensive, is still a partial view, since Clemente has always made the most spectacular impression with his large canvases. But it is enough to give some idea of how he is looking after a decade in the limelight.

> *'Wonderful paintings jostle with the juvenile and the hopelessly slapdash'*

The answer to that is: "He is not better, he is much the same." Something which has always had to be taken into account with Clemente is his extreme unevenness. This is recognisable in works which are presumably to be judged as a unity: in series such as the "Stations", wonderful paintings jostle with the juvenile, the uncoordinated and the hopelessly slapdash. It must have something to do with his methods of working: he is a great believer in automatism, sometimes treating his canvases (and, no doubt even more, his papers) like a sort of multicoloured Ouija board. Out the images pour from his unconscious, and register as quickly as possible. Maybe a little more quality control might be applied after the event, but it is difficult not to respond to the generosity of spirit with which Clemente lays his innermost thoughts and feelings open to the world.

Perhaps the innermost recesses are not very deep down. But that hardly seems to be at issue when one is confronted with such splendid spectacles as the first wall seen in the room given over to Clemente's Indian world: more than 100 small watercolours, frame to frame, some of them abstract, some of them explicit, all in the dazzling colours of Indian fabrics.

The explicit element, which reflects a childlike — or maybe a childish — preoccupation with the more basic natural functions, is easier to take than might be supposed, especially in the watercolours where the elements, clear enough when you look closely, tend to be washed into inoffensiveness, which is often not the case with the large canvases.

On the evidence of this show, the world represented by Madras is the most sensuously beguiling, the world represented by New York is the toughest and often most seriously impressive, and that represented by Rome is the most innocent and guileless. This is probably because Clemente's first studio was in Rome, and so the Rome room contains some of his earliest surviving works (curiously like early Lucian Freud) and he continues to associate the place with his beginnings. Subsequently, he seems to go to India to relax and wallow in his instincts, and to New York to enjoy tensions and meet challenges. When challenged, he is a brilliant draughtsman; when relaxed he is a marvellous colourist. Pity about the final quality control.

At 39, Clemente has already managed to have a career three or four times longer than that of **Henri Gaudier-Brzeska**. He was only 23 when he was killed in the first world war, and this is the centenary of his birth; virtually all his work was done between 1910 and 1915. But evidently he was an obsessive worker: Enid Bagnold has a story about him suddenly producing a copious nosebleed while she was modelling for him and, when she pointed this out, carrying right on making art and demanding brusquely "Well, aren't you going to do something about it?". The result of all this frantic activity is an astonishing amount of sculpture and work on paper.

But what is more remarkable than the quantity is the quality. Even among the enterprising circle of Ezra Pound and Wyndham Lewis in London just before the war, Gaudier (as he was before he added the name of his Polish associate Sophie Brzeska) was brilliantly original. He also had, clearly, an unbeatable confidence as soon as he had a pencil in his hand, and his slightest sketches of humans or animals have the high-wire inevitability of a classic Chinese brush-drawing. They look as if they were done in seconds, and they probably were, but there is little in them that the most captious would wish any different.

The centenary show at the Mercury Gallery is the first, and apparently the only, that the year has thrown up. Next year there will be a museum show in France where, despite his French origins, Gaudier is still much less known than in England. But this show is more than enough to be going on with. It has some very fine portrait drawings, a few rather Vorticist studies for sculpture, and some funny odds and ends. The show also has several fine bronzes, and in one case the original plaster for the *Maquette for a Bird Bath*, as well as the finished casting.

The great novelty is a granite carving, *Figure*, lost from view since it was first exhibited in 1914. In this standing female, head thrown dramatically back, Gaudier seems to be anticipating at once mature Epstein, Henry Moore and a certain kind of expressive Deco. It is pointless to ask what else he might have done had he been spared; pointless but irresistible.

Finally, in my art fair piece on Tuesday, I mistakenly referred to the late Edmond Kapp as Edmond Knapp. Apologies.

Francesco Clemente: Three Worlds. Royal Academy of Arts, Piccadilly, London W1 (071-439 7438), until October 27.

Henri Gaudier-Brzeska 1891-1915. Mercury Gallery, 26 Cork Street, London W1 (071-734 7800), until October 26.

CRITIC'S CHOICE: GALLERIES

JAPAN FESTIVAL

PHOTO EVENT. Four one-person exhibitions include photographers from the documentary to the surreal. The oddest is Miyako Kon, who photographs weird objects made from fish.
Contemporary Photography from Japan. Photographers' Gallery, 5 & 8 Great Newport Street, WC2 (071-831 1772).

ITALIAN VIEW. The painter/engraver Edoardo Chiossone lived in Japan from 1875 to 1898 as adviser to the Royal Mint. He collected a staggering 15,000 prints, scrolls and paintings: these 200 finest are an eye-opener.
An Italian in Japan. Accademia Italiana, 24 Rutland Gate, SW7 (071-225 3474).

GRAPHIC DETAIL. Forty posters, advertisements, magazine covers and calendars demonstrate the vitality of contemporary graphic design and the art of Japanese wood-block printing.
New Japanese Graphics. Design Museum, Butlers Wharf SE1 (071-403 6933).

THEATRICALS. Tsuruya Kokei, artist to the Kabuki-Za Theatre in Tokyo, paints portraits of actors as performers rather than as people (he never meets actors offstage); his art interprets traditions afresh.
Tsuruya Kokei. Redfern Gallery, 20 Cork Street, W1 (071-734 1732).

RECORDS: JAZZ

Sweet jazz trads run on

Lester Young/Harry Edison: Pres & Sweets (Verve 849391)
Julian Joseph: The Language of Truth (East West 9031-75122)

THERE are two schools of thought concerning Lester Young. One argues that, like his soul-mate Billie Holiday, he went into a drastic decline in the last decade and a half of his life. The opposing view contends that his later recordings, though undeniably brittle, deserve as much attention as his classic work of the 1930s.

The duets with the Basie trumpeter Harry Edison — made in 1955 — give the scholars a good deal of evidence to tussle over. At the technical level, Young's saxophone often sounds listless and undernourished. Yet, like a veteran athlete, he makes the best of his resources, carefully negotiating the choruses and doing just enough to impose his personality on each one. No longer a lean sprinter, he has become a dogged middle-distance runner.

Edison makes an ideal partner, since he is equally fond of constructing solos around short, pithy phrases. Oscar Peterson leads the rhythm section, his trio augmented by Buddy Rich. Within weeks Young was to return to the studio for an acclaimed session with Teddy Wilson and Roy Eldridge. **Pres & Sweets** is no less rewarding.

Just as Courtney Pine was the beneficiary of a media blitz in the late 1980s, so it now appears to be the turn of another Londoner, the pianist Julian Joseph. His debut album, **The Language of Truth**, contains a formidable display of virtuosity, as might be expected of a graduate of Berklee. Joseph also runs into the problem which confronts so many of his conservatory-trained peers: the fragile melodies take second place to harmonic invention.

A cover version of the Curtis Mayfield song "The Other Side of Town", sung by Sharon Musgrave, helps to lighten the mood. Joseph will go on to greater things once the hype dies down and he forgets all the grandiose talk of carrying on the "jazz tradition".

CLIVE DAVIS

- **Rob Tyner**, former vocalist of the MC5, has died of a heart attack, at the age of 46. The band, known initially as The Motor City Five, was convened in Detroit in 1966. Managed by White Panthers' leader John Sinclair, they became known as much for their political extremism and rebellious attitude as for their violent music and riotous performances. The Rob Tyner Band's most recent album, *Blood Brother*, was released last year.
- **Bryan Adams**, whose "(Everything I Do) I Do It For You" is now the longest running UK No 1 single (at 12 consecutive weeks), announces dates at Dundonald Ice Rink, Belfast (0232 482611) Oct 24; RDS, Dublin (010 3531 795364) Oct 26; Aberdeen Exhibition Centre (0224 824824) Oct 27; SECC, Glasgow (041-248 3000) Oct 28; Whitley Bay Ice Rink (091-252 6240) Oct 30; Sheffield Arena (0742 565500) Nov 1; NEC, Birmingham (021-780 4133) Nov 4, 9; Wembley Arena (081-900 1234) Nov 6, 7, 8.
- Congratulations to **Folk Roots** magazine which publishes its hundredth issue this month. From humble beginnings in July 1979 as a southern region quarterly fanzine, it has grown into Britain's most authoritative digest of world, folk and roots music news.

RECORDS: ROCK

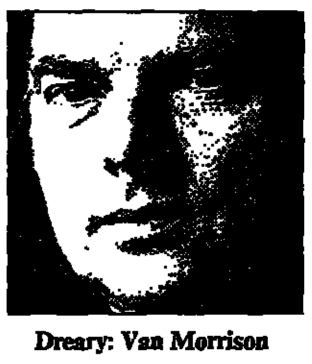
Hot without being overheated

Red Hot Chili Peppers: Blood Sugar Sex Magik (Warner Bros.7599-26681-2)
Van Morrison: Hymns to the Silence (Polydor 849 026-2)

FOR almost a decade, the Los Angeles-based Red Hot Chili Peppers have languished on the loony fringe of heavy rock, their talent for gross self-promotional buffoonery earning them a disproportionately high ratio of magazine cover stories to recorded product sold. Their fifth album, **Blood Sugar Sex Magik**, turns out, against the odds, to be an absolute stunner.

Produced by Def Jam supremo Rick Rubin, this exuberantly profane collection is a revolutionary mixture of rap and rock with full funk trimmings — not the thrash and burn variety that Public Enemy and Anthrax have been putting about lately, but a more measured affair that offers a primal belt of power without all that overheated bluster.

A roll call of influences would be vast and varied — from Jimi Hendrix to The Average White Band, Led Zeppelin to Cameo, Robin Trower to Eric B. and Rakim for starters — but not a note of this is sampled from other recordings. Somewhere in the mix lurks the guiding spirit of Sly and The Family Stone, one of an earlier generation's great welders of black music and progressive rock stylings.



Dreary: Van Morrison

For all the albums's complex diversity, its components slot together with uncanny ease. From the comic and explicit "Sir Psycho Sexy", with its tinglingly dreamy instrumental coda, to the post-daisy age swagger of "Mellowship Slinky in B Major", it is a riot of poky riffs, hefty push-and-tug rhythms and pleasantly revealing surprises.

No such vitality, let alone originality, is evident in Van Morrison's dreary **Hymns to the Silence**. Instead there is a string of long, repetitive reveries about wanting to get back to the good old days, a lot of Georgie Fame's organ sounding as if it is on loan from the Batley working mens' variety club, and a raft of straightforward proselytizing: a sort of Celtic-rock version of *Songs of Praise*.

Morrison's best performance is a relaxed trot through the traditional hymn "Be Thou My Vision" (which also ranks as the album's best melody). As for his reedy, ragged version of "Carrying a Torch", it just makes you realise what tremendous style Tom Jones brings to a song.

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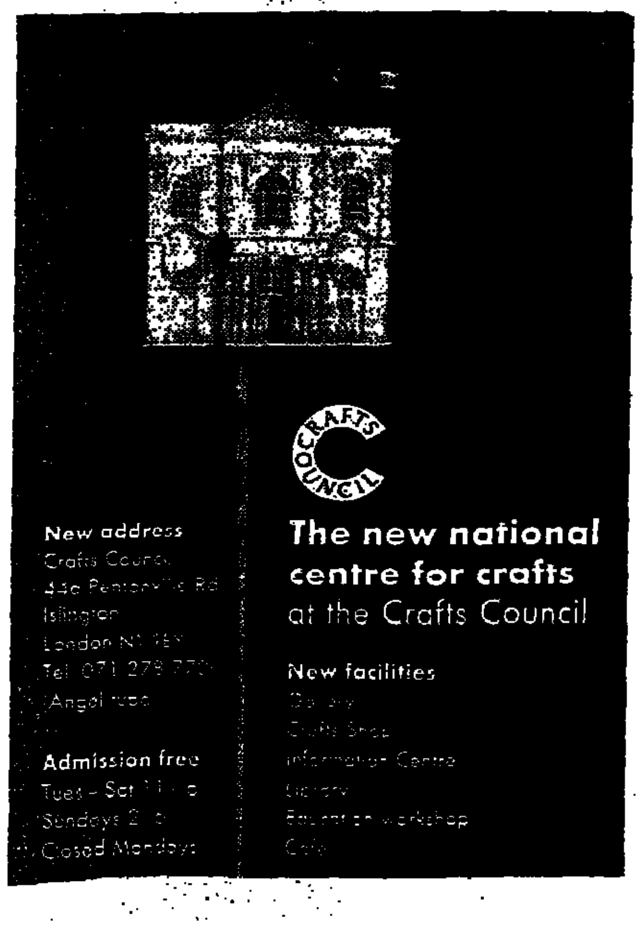

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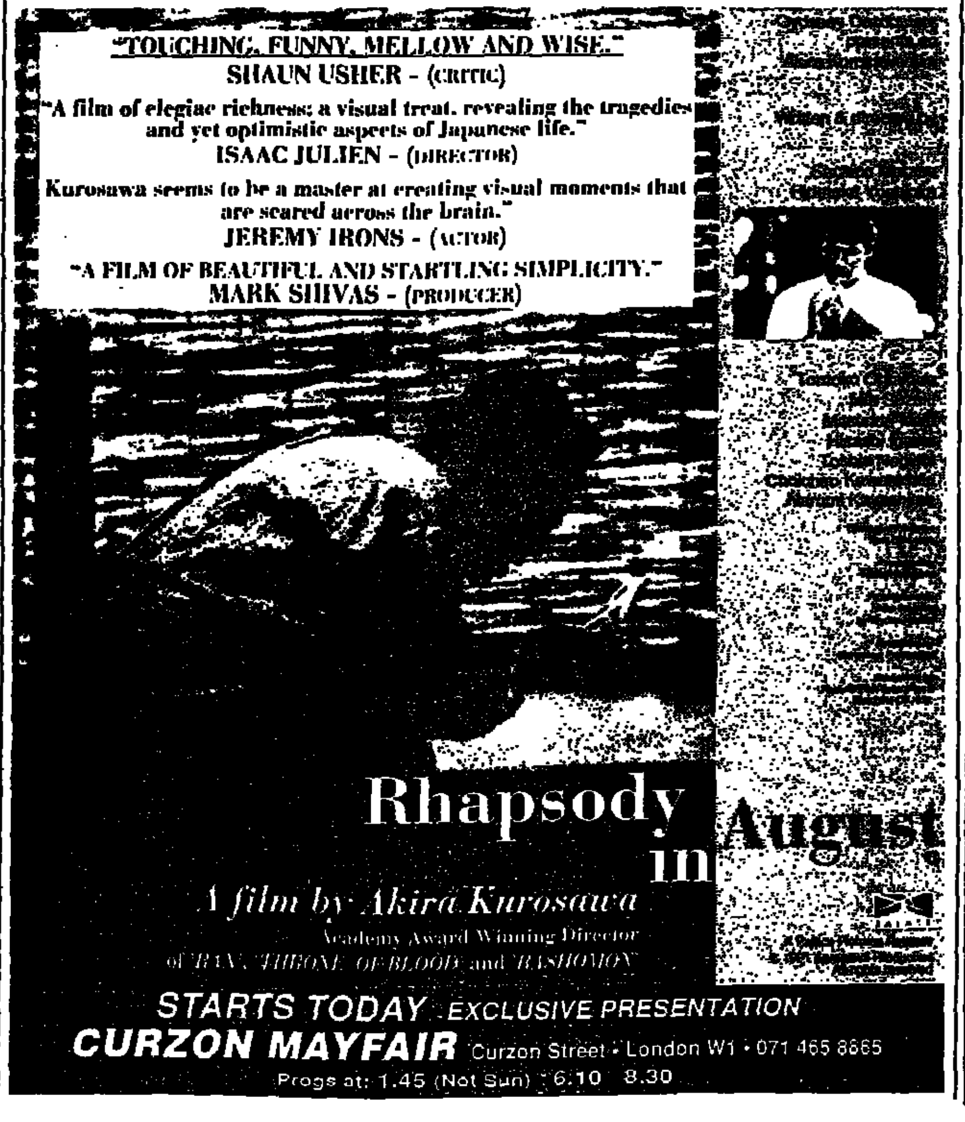

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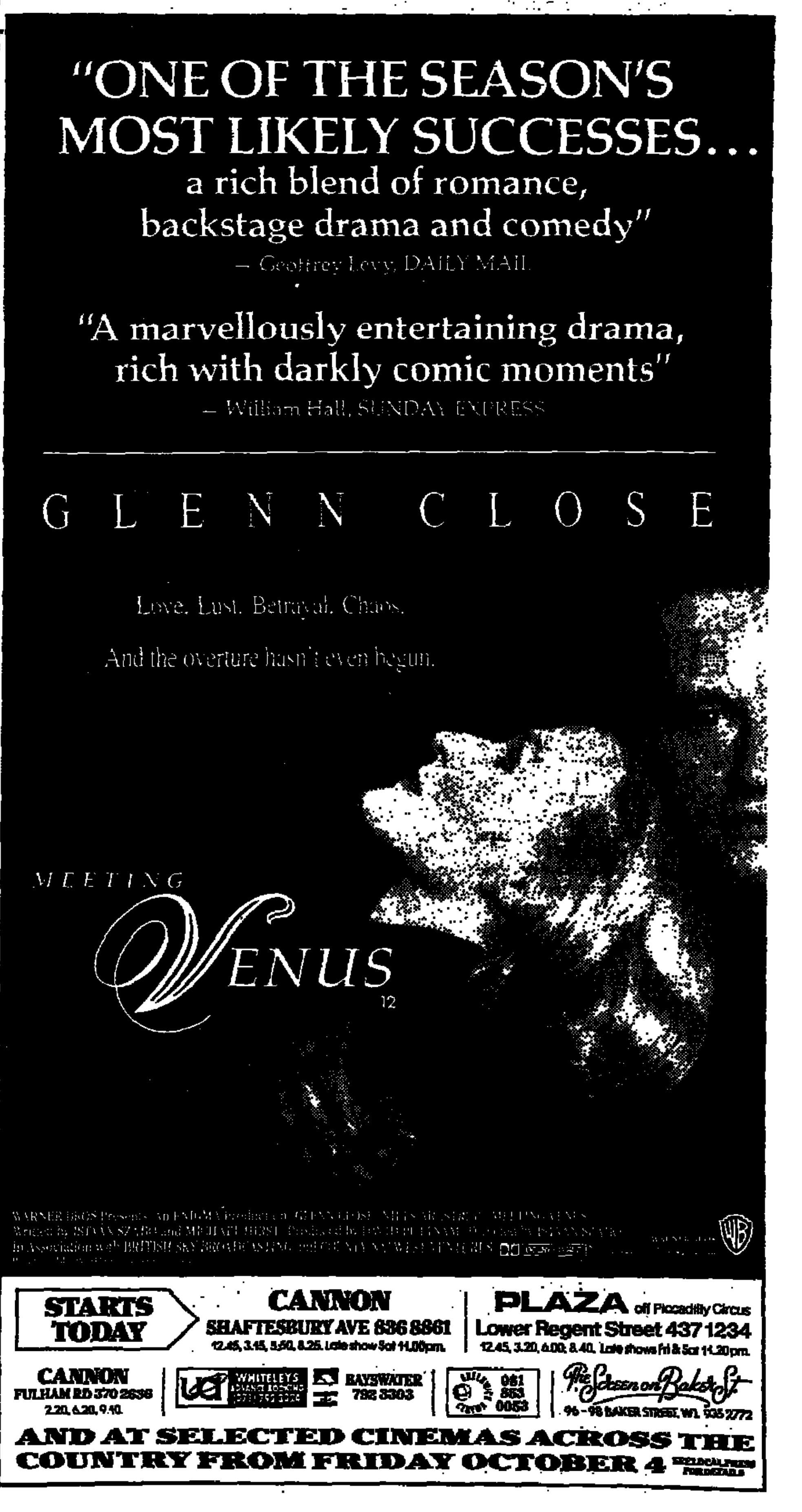

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Nigel Hawkes on a life without spirit

Modern medicine has conjured up *dilemmas undreamed of by* Hippocrates when he created the ethical basis of clinical practice two and a half millennia ago.

The boxer Michael Watson, brain-damaged in his title fight last weekend and still in intensive care in St Bartholomew's Hospital in London, may yet make a full recovery; it is too soon to dismiss his chances. But for many other patients, brain injuries impose some very difficult decisions on their families, friends and medical teams.

Tony Bland, a 21-year-old Liverpool fan from Keighley, West Yorkshire, was seriously injured in the Hillsborough football stadium crush. Starved of oxygen, his brain was damaged beyond reasonable hope of repair, yet he is still alive in the Airedale Hospital in Keighley, continuing a form of vegetative survival which can scarcely be called life.

Mr Bland is alive because of the way his brain was damaged. Often the robust cells in the brain-stem survive injuries which destroy more sensitive cells in the higher parts of the brain, the cortex, which controls the senses and the processes of thought. Patients with such injuries can breathe unaided, and so long as they are fed intravenously will survive, perhaps for a very long time.

The record is believed to be 36 years, and although half such patients die in the first year, survival for ten to twenty years is by no means uncommon. In many cases, infections in the first few months after the injury provide a natural end to an unnatural existence, so long as family and doctors agree that artificial resusitation shall be avoided and no antibiotics are prescribed. The dilemma is less acute in cases where life is sustained only by a machine. Once doctors are convinced that the brain is dead, families usually accept *that hope has gone, and* agree that the machine be turned off. To do so is not euthanasia, for there is always a chance that the patient will, after all, be able to breathe unaided.

More difficult are the cases when the patient can breathe, but must be fed in order to survive. Patients in this state are not suffering, because the sentient parts of their brain have been destroyed; nor are they terminally ill. They may have long periods of apparent wakefulness, when they open their eyes, and even appear to follow a bright light around the room. Their fingers may still show a groping or grasping reflex, which may convince relations that inside the comatose body a spirit survives. Such hopeful signs are, however, illusory.

In January, a committee of doctors and lawyers from the Institute of Medical Ethics suggested that it would be morally justifiable to withdraw artifical feeding from such patients. The law has nothing to say on the subject, but the Medical Defence Union has warned the doctors treating Mr Bland that if they withdraw feeding, as his parents wish, they run the risk of prosecution for *attempted murder. The British Medical* Association believes that in cases like these, parents should be able to apply to the courts for a ruling. Let us hope the family of Michael Watson are spared such a dreadful recourse.

The important medical, ethical and legal questions surrounding cases like these have yet to be tackled in Britain, though last year the Court of Appeal did rule in favour of doctors who wanted sanction to deny life-saving treatment to a severely brain-damaged baby who had already been resuscitated several times.

Medicine will one day have to grasp *the nettle. For the sake of family, society* and the health service, it is surely best that such patients be allowed to die. Striving officiously to keep alive has never been part of a doctor's duty, and patients who cannot lead a sentient life should at least be allowed a dignified death.

A standing international court is needed to try genocidal crimes against humanity, urges **Lord Shawcross**

Putting Saddam on trial

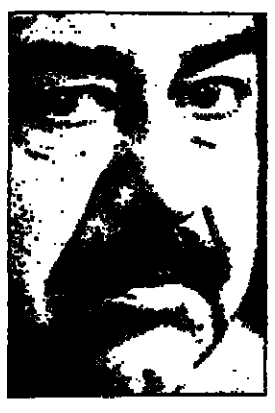
Saddam Hussein continues to show a cynical disregard for the provisions of the United Nations' mandatory resolutions and of the armistice he agreed. The latest instance of this defiance is the detention of the team of UN inspectors in the compound of what is now known to be on of Iraq's nuclear establishments. If such recalcitrance continues, President Bush may insist *that the terms of* the armistice so flagrantly broken by Saddam be rewritten to include provision for his trial.

The failure to insist upon such a trial was a serious error at the time of the armistice, for there is *no doubt* that Saddam and many of his known confederates have committed grave breaches of international law. Under the Nuremberg Principles endorsed by the United Nations, in the Genocide Convention of 1946 and in the Geneva Convention of 1949, they are personally responsible for these crimes.

Furthermore, as a state signatory to the Convention, we have a legal duty — often forgotten — "to search for persons alleged to have committed grave breaches... *and bring them* before the courts". President Bush and Mrs Thatcher while she was prime minister both made it clear that it was the allies' intention to carry out this obligation, and that due note was being made of the identity of the criminals.

Yet today, Saddam has restored himself to his dictatorial *position, and with crack troops,* half his armour intact and some air power, he has committed further atrocities on the Kurds in the north and the Shia in the south, and is now flouting the terms of the armistic.

So why did the allies' not carry out their intention — in Mrs Thatcher's words — "to bring Saddam to trial for perpetrating these brutal cruelties, just as happened after the second world war"? Certainly the reason was not, as some have inferred from the words of the Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd, that our forces could not be relied upon to do their duty after the intensive bombing after the massacre at Mutla Ridge. They may have been reluctant to engage in fur*ther bombings of this sort,* but none was needed. General Schwarzkopf wanted to push on, but was not allowed to for political reasons: partly the fear of timid officials that a break-up of Iraq might destabilise other Islamic states, partly the president's desire to take advantage of the unexpectedly light casualties and to get the boys back home.



Still killing: Iraq's leader goes unpunished

There is one important lesson to be learned from what has happened in the Gulf and the failed Moscow coup: the need for a standing international court with criminal jurisdiction. Had such a court been in existence, *the Allies* could hardly have ignored their legal duty to bring Saddam to trial.

Although Saddam could legally be brought before a national court, this would present problems, and the allies would probably have to set up an ad hoc tribunal as was done after the second world war. This was expressly stated at the time to be the British government's intention. However, the Nuremberg process was regarded by some — including Goering — as "victors' justice", and the establishment of such a tribunal to deal with Saddam might have been viewed with anxiety in the Islamic world. This objection, like those which could have arisen in Russia had the coup succeeded, could hardly have arisen *if an appropriate international* tribunal already existed.

After the criticisms of of the Nuremberg Trials, the United Nations discussed a proposal to set up such an international criminal court, and in 1948 I spoke at the UN on behalf of the British government in support of the idea. Early in the 1950s, the UN decided that such a court should be established, and a statute was drafted. But the Cold War intervened.

So what is the present government's attitude? Negative and discouraging. The government seems now to regard war itself as being a sufficient means of implementing international law. However, on only one occasion before the Gulf war — the concerted action in Korea under UN auspices — has international law been invoked in war. Yet during this period there have been innumerable instances — from Cambodia and Pol Pot on — of undoubted breaches of the rule of law which attracted no international action. The Falklands war was not examples of international law in action, but a *simple instance of self-defence.*

Had Saddam's invasion taken place in the African sub-continent or Asia, where the economic and political interests of America and Britain are not involved, the history of the last 40 years suggests that would have done nothing, and that the rule of international law in criminal matters would have remained something of a dead letter.

The International Law Commission has been working on a code of "Crimes against the peace and security of mankind" for many years and has not finished yet. Many of the proposals for this code are, according to the government, "vague or even nonsensical", but this is no reason for not proceeding to establish an international criminal court at once. International law has grown up gradually, rather in the way of Anglo-Saxon law, instead of being embodied in a single code. If fear that some proposed laws might be vague had obstructed the establishment of our English system, we would never have had any courts at all. Courts are established to deal with such laws as exist. Their jurisdiction is modified or extended from time to time. So it should be with an international criminal court.

Given goodwill between the great powers, such a court could be set up now to deal with such well-established crimes as waging aggressive war, genocide and so on. Without it — and perhaps eventually an international police force — the new world order some have talked bravely about will remain a mirage.

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Peter Riddell argues that John Major is approaching High Noon in the negotiations over political union

Shootout at the EC Corral

If there is going to be a showdown over Europe, John Major wants to appear as the Gary Cooper of Maastricht. He will be the reasonable tough guy, willing to talk but firm on principles, tougher in practice than that veteran gunslinger Margaret Thatcher.

At present, Mr Major's European strategy is in danger of unravelling. The publication of the draft treaty on European political union by the Dutch presidency of the community has narrowed his room for manoeuvre before the Maastricht summit in December. He may have to take a tougher line than Mrs Thatcher would have done.

Until recently, all appeared to be going according to plan. Since becoming prime minister, Mr Major has shown how different he is from Mrs Thatcher, saying he wants Britain to be "at the very heart of Europe" and attending meetings with a smile rather than a scowl. British ministers have cosied up to the Germans; Mr Major chats about elections with Chancellor Kohl. The British government pinned its hopes on the friendly Dutch not proposing anything unpalatable over monetary and political union — which meant nothing that might split *the Tories before the general* election. Euro-fudge was to be the plat du jour.

Negotiations on European monetary union have gone well for Mr Major. There will be no commitment to a single currency. However convinced other European ministers are that Britain will eventually join, the question is still whether, not when. Moreover, there is what Whitehall calls a "content-free" next phase of monetary union: Britain will face no new constraints on exchange-*rate and monetary policy in the* next few years beyond those required for membership of the EMS. There is to be no European central bank, nor is there any requirement for the Bank of England to become independent.

A WEEK IN POLITICS

Nor has a date been fixed for the community to move to the final stage of union. At least seven of the 12 will have to enter, raising hopes in Whitehall that the starting date will be deferred from 1997 until the end of the decade. While questions remain about how binding any commitments, or aspirations, on convergence of economic performance should be, Mr Major hopes to be able to sign a monetary treaty in Maastricht.

The political treaty has been more difficult. In Whitehall's view, this may be because Ruud Lubbers, the Dutch prime minister, has been preoccupied with internal political problems, while Hans van den Broek, the foreign minister, has concentrated on the problems in Yugoslavia. This has meant that the initiative has been left to Piet Dankert, who is more of a Euro-enthusiast. The first worrying signs were seen earlier this month, and were confirmed by the draft treaty on Tuesday.

The Dutch draft differs from an earlier Luxembourg version by *proposing to bring foreign policy,* internal security and immigration within the scope of the main European treaty. This would involve not only the European Commission and European Parliament, but the European Court of Justice, which the Tories consider to be politically motivated. Instead, Britain wants these matters to remain subject to discussion between ministers of member governments and control by national parliaments. Virtually nothing in the draft is ac*ceptable to Mr Major, and he will* not recommend it to parliament.

So the prime minister has a problem. He has been saying that he can do business with Europe and deliver a better agreement than either Mrs Thatcher or Neil Kinnock. But that hope is fading. His strategy now is to be positive in public — Britain would like to do a deal at Maastricht — while talking more toughly in private with the French, German and Italian leaders. He is reluctant to declare his hand yet, although Douglas Hurd will indicate the scope for negotiation at a foreign ministers' meeting on Monday. There is room for compromise in, for example, extending the pow*ers of the Strasbourg parliament* over the Commission and the budget.

Dutch ambush: Lubbers failed to curb the enthusiasts who drafted this week's treaty

Always the politically acute ex-whip, Mr Major knows the limits of what can be sold to the Tory party. The leadership is keeping open lines to anti-European MPs such as Teddy Taylor and Jonathan Aitken, and is aware of the restless Norman Tebbit's ability to stir up the backbenches. But Mr Major may be worrying too much about these MPs, since the public largely backs his approach.

Several opinion polls have shown that the public is enthusiastic about Europe in general terms; younger people more so than older ones. Mrs Thatcher *misjudged the public mood, and* now the public seems in tune with Mr Major's approach. A poll conducted this week by Mori for the Rowntree Reform Trust indicates that half of the electorate would increase their support for the Tories if Mr Major stood up to his party's right wing over Europe, with only 5 per cent saying this would decrease their support.

Mr Major has little to fear at present from Labour on this issue. The party has deftly avoided being in the firing line over Maastricht, preferring to watch, and highlight, Tory divisions. Spokesmen have emphasised the party's general commit*ment to Europe, while not* wanting to appear too federalist. Labour favours strengthening the powers of the Strasbourg parliament, though not any extension of the Commission's remit. The party backs a single currency, eventually, but wants to ensure that economic convergence does not restrain growth. There is an element of having it both ways, but that is one of the few joys of opposition.

The main threat remains Mrs Thatcher. The Tory rank-and-file would be shocked if they realised how much she is seen as a nuisance by the current regime. Ministers draw comfort from the waning impact of her speeches; Monday's onslaught in Washington, for instance, was barely *reported. But Mrs Thatcher still* has headline potential. In that respect, the latest events could not come at a worse time, for the party conference is only 10 days away. Instead of sounding a positive note about Europe, ministers will be forced onto the defensive, giving ammunition to critics of the Community.

There is still nearly ten weeks before Maastricht, plenty of time for compromise. And it is not a matter of Britain against the other 11. There are cross-currents of opinion. But no one should underestimate the tendency for Germany and France to do a clinching deal. Britain may now be a player in Europe, but we are not yet at the heart of the decision-making.

Mrs Thatcher used to make a lot of noise before meetings, attacking everyone in sight except the Americans, before conceding with ill-grace. By contrast, Downing Street now argues, Mr Major will be willing to negotiate, but will not knuckle under at the last minute. He is prepared to use his veto. But changes to the Dutch draft are likely. So Mr Major's resolve could be tested by a package which preserves some of the rhetoric of political union while watering down the substance. If only, Mr Major must dream, the Tories were high enough in the polls to risk an election before rather than after Maastricht.

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ALAN COREN

Have you ever had one of those mornings when chaos theory came up against metempsychosis, and when you turned to God to sort it all out, so that you could not *only get on with the day's* business but also give the milkman back the gold-top he left yesterday because you always have skimmed and he ought to bloody know after all these years, God was no help at all?

I trudged up here to the attic an hour ago to start pounding out a piece about, I can't quite remember now, anyway it seemed a good idea at the time, but that was before it struck me that Stanley Baldwin might be on the point of eating Aubrey Beardsley, and that *this possibil*ity ought to take precedence over everything I jotted down last night on the complimentary Things To Do Today pad I was given at Kall-Kwik Printing (Swiss Cottage) Ltd, when I had my letterheads done.

They may not be Stanley Baldwin and Aubrey Beardsley, of course, those were just the first names that came into my head, but that doesn't affect the principle. Since you ask, they came into my head because the spider looked a bit like Baldwin, and the crane-fly looked a bit like Beardsley, give or take, of course, the odd leg here and there, but that is not to say they mightn't in fact be Thomas Chatterton and Dame Nellie Melba: reincarnation *is* a funny old cove.

It was when I sat down at my desk and looked out of the window that I noticed the pair of them hanging there, between me and the view. Clearly, Baldwin had spent the night cobbling a web, and Beardsley had at some *point flown into it. As I write,* Beardsley is still alive and still intact, in the middle of the window, and Baldwin is sitting in the corner of it, looking at him. Since Beardsley is chucking his arms and legs about hysterically, as most of us would under the circumstances, I can only assume that Baldwin is leaving him to it, and will not move in until Beardsley has knackered himself inert, because you do not want to get a swift uppercut from your breakfast.

Which leaves me a bit of time to think things through. For not only do I much prefer crane-flies to spiders, it seems grossly unfair, when you have but five hours to flit about the world and find a compatible mate, to spend them being dismembered and munched. Should I, in short, intervene? Should I lean forward, pluck Beardsley from his bonds, and chuck him through the casement to fulfil his progenitive destiny and die with a smile on his face?

Only if it *is* his destiny. Things are not as simple as that. Was it Beardsley's bad luck to end up on Baldwin's menu, or his good luck to end up in a web from which I would be there to disentangle him? Furthermore, if I turn to *The Big Boy's Book of Chaos Theory*, I find under the heading "The Butterfly Effect" that a butterfly flapping its wings in Brazil can be the cause of a tornado in Kansas. Who knows but that if I snatch Beardsley from the jaws of Baldwin, St Paul's will fall down and QPR *end up in the Fourth Division?*

And if they *are* reincarnations, once Baldwin and Beardsley, but now going through a bit of a bad patch? It is, after all, a theory even more supported than the foregoing, and who can say that the pair of them are not on a waiting-list to become something human again? Timing is bound to be of the essence in such matters, and how can I be sure that if I save Beardsley to live an hour longer he won't come back tomorrow as an axe-*murderer, whereas if I let Bal*dwin scoff him right this minute, he might subsequently return with a Nobel cure for acne? I hear him tumbling from my window to unwilling freedom, crying "Here's another fine mess you've got me into, Stanley!" but what am I to do?

God? Tried it. Took down the Bible, no need to trawl far, it's all there in Genesis I: "Let us make man in our image... to have dominion over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth." This must include what creepeth upon the window, surely? I have dominion, I call the shots. All I have to do is work out which.

And sort out before the milkman comes. If he has no skimmed, he may offer semi, and I can't handle more than one big decision at a time.

Skeletons in the cabinet

TEN years on, the story can now *be told. The man who stopped the* SDP from taking off was none other than arch-Tory wet, Peter Walker. He will claim in his memoirs to be published during the Tory party conference next month that he was asked to dissuade 15 potential defectors from joining the SDP.

That the names have remained secret in a world noted for its leaks is little short of astonishing. Walker says that two now hold ministerial office, and that one is on the verge of cabinet status. "If their identities ever come out, it will not be from me. I was asked to approach MPs thought to be considering switching. They were private conversations. I did not even divulge their identities to the person who asked me to intervene," says Walker.

Even Mrs Thatcher was never told their identities, says Walker, who saw each one of the 15 potential defectors individually. "The pressure to join was considerable. It was happening in the wake of the depressing 1981 budget, and the rise in unemployment."

Dr Owen's memoirs confirm Walker's role. "Peter Walker, the high priest of the Conservative wets, was given the job of holding the wobblers' hands — an astute choice," wrote Owen.

The only Tory MP who did move to the SDP, Christopher Brocklebank-Fowler, is equally coy. "Their names will go with us to our graves. Their careers depend on it. But yes, it is true that two are today ministers of state."

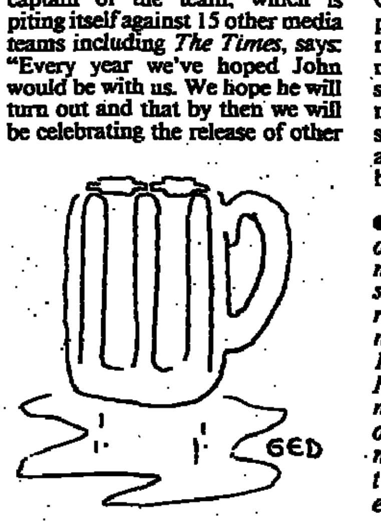
This narrows the field considerably. The only current ministers of state who were in parliament at the time are Archie Hamilton at defence, Sir George Young at environment, Tristan Garel-Jones and Douglas Hogg at the Foreign Office, Nicholas Scott at the DSS, Wyn Roberts at the Welsh Office, Brian Mawhinney at the Northern Ireland Office, Tim Eggar at education, Tim Sainsbury at trade and John Patten at the Home Office.

Bill Rodgers, one of the Gang of Four, says the secrecy was such that even he did not know some of names. "There was never a list of the MPs, and some of the discussions were so clandestine they took place abroad. There was a group of half a dozen who were in close contact. But even I did not know who they all were."

● *Democracy is 2,500 years old today — at least so says the Greek government, which is celebrating the anniversary. The free world, however, seems underwhelmed. Indeed, most countries have sent unelected representatives to Athens to celebrate the birth of democracy. President Bush has dispatched his sister Nancy Ellis to represent America. The mother of parliaments will be represented by the Speaker, Bernard Weatherill, and the Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay. Also invited to celebrate democracy's genesis was Anatoly Lukyanov, the former president of the Supreme Soviet. He, however, is considered unlikely to attend after his involvement in the coup against Mikhail Gorbachev.*

Back at the crease

JOHN McCARTHY'S return to normality could advance a further step next month with his first visit to the crease in five years. Friends *hope that McCarthy, a keen mem*ber of the Worldwide Television News cricket team, will turn out for the annual competition named after him as part of the campaign for his release. Richard Steenhuis, captain of the team, which is piting itself against 15 other media teams including *The Times*, says: "Every year we've hoped John would be with us. We hope he will turn out and that by then we will be celebrating the release of other hostages." The matches take place over two weekends in October, but McCarthy is deciding his commitments "literally on a day-to-day basis".



So will his off-drive be any the worse for his enforced lack of net practice? It won't make much difference, say *his team-mates:* his strokeplay was never in the class of Hobbs or Hammond. "John's enjoyment was always more in the social side of the game."

Narrower view

KENNETH CLARKE evidently shares Robert Maxwell's dislike of BBC's *Panorama*. As Maxwell was this week showering the programme with writs, Clarke was throwing its reporters out of a press conference.

Journalist Michael Crick is currently making a *Panorama* film about testing in schools. As Clarke was addressing the press on that very subject, the camera team's presence seemed uncontroversial. But Clarke disagreed. Baring the team's entry, Trevor Cook, Clarke's press secretary, told the programme: "This is a news event not a documentary event." A more senior official, however, let slip another reason: "He is paranoid about you after being doorstepped by *Panorama* during the ambuance dispute when he was health secretary."

● *As the government lauded its own green initiatives this week, it neglected to mention one of its unsung achievements. "The Secretary of State's Guidance — maggot breeding processes", is a 12-page document, priced £3.40 at HMSO, boasting of the government's success and further intent on this vital issue. Alas, the document has not caught the imagination of even the most ardent environmentalist. "I don't think we have sold any," says HMSO.*

Still predicting losses

WHEN Nicholas Payne takes up his post as director of the Royal Opera House in 1993 he will have fond memories of his time there as a junior clerk. "I was the least important person in the building," says the new director. "I earnt just £20 per week during the late '60s."

But Payne's own reports of his insignificance seem much exaggerated. What did he actually do? "I devised a new system to cost productions. This meant predicting losses and monitoring spending. I am looking forward to finding out if they still use my system."

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POVERTY OF MANAGEMENT

Why are there so few professional managers in Britain considered capable of running a large industrial company? This is the most troubling of the many questions raised by this week's boardroom coup at British Aerospace, the country's largest engineering group and biggest exporter.

During the 1980s Professor Sir Roland Smith, a former business-school academic, had become one of the City's most lionised and peripatetic corporate executives. In addition to running BAe, he was chairman of six other public companies. When BAe plunged unexpectedly into loss and mishandled a new £432 million financing, he was open to criticism for trying to keep his eye on too many balls at once.

Yet who was on Wednesday named as his successor? Sir Graham Day, BAe's new chairman, is not just a director but full chairman of the huge Cadbury-Schweppes and PowerGen corporations. As if this were not enough, Sir Graham last week accepted a government invitation to head the new review body on the status, pay and promotion of Britain's teachers. To produce a definitive report on this by early next year — a task which is perhaps even more important than the remaking of BAe — would have taxed Solomon and Hercules combined.

Why then did the board turn to Sir Graham instead of hiring a new full-time chairman? The obvious answer is that Britain is desperately short of top-quality managers with broad experience, especially in the manufacturing industry. Describing Sir Graham's appointment as only temporary has only reinforced this impression.

Several explanations can be suggested for the vacuum that seems to exist at the top of Britain's managerial career structure. After 12 years of Tory rule, the old saws about high taxation and low pay at the top are no longer valid. The relative status of manufacturing and engineering, too, may be less of an obstacle to recruitment today than it was before the great financial-sector boom of the 1980s. But it will take many years before a new generation of managers who have joined manufacturing businesses in the last few years can work their way to the top. Meanwhile the length and severity of the recession will have discouraged many.

A more serious generation gap has been created throughout British industry by the upheavals in corporate culture in the 1960s and 70s. The middle managers who earned their spurs in the sixties and seventies were unlikely to emerge as the natural leaders in a climate considerably changed by the Thatcher era. This was particularly true of highly politicised industries like BAe's core aerospace and car-making businesses, which have spent most of the past 25 years switching in and out of private ownership.

Such a culture shared by cars with the energy, transport, defence supply and shipbuilding industries evolved a leadership accustomed to handling Whitehall, civil servants, unions, subsidies and monopoly legislation. Those expert in this craft would move easily from one company to another, collecting reputations as "safe in Whitehall" as they went. Meanwhile smart young managers gravitated towards the financial and consultancy sectors. Companies such as BAe and Rover appear not to have developed strong cadres of professional managers capable of graduating to the top as the old guard move on.

This is disturbing. In Germany and Japan it is almost unheard of for new leaders to be parachuted into large companies from outside. In Britain and America, too, the most successful companies tend to be the ones with long-term career paths for managers. Non-executive directors are vital in bringing experience and a sense of proportion to a board. The most powerful non-executives come from the City institutions. Their prime task is to ensure that a secure managerial hierarchy is in place. As long as they turn only to the charmed circle of part-time chairmen when faced with a crisis, their stewardship of British industry will remain open to question.

ROMANIA'S REAL REVOLUTION

Nicolae Ceausescu ruled Romania for a quarter of a century. The presidency of Ion Iliescu, once Ceausescu's henchman, later his successor, has lasted less than two years. He looks unlikely to survive the miners' challenge to his authority. The "revolution which never happened" in 1989 may now be at hand. The wanton violence of the miners, who even attacked the parliament building in Bucharest, is a reminder that there is nothing romantic about real revolutions.

The entire government and the prime minister Mr Iliescu appointed, Petre Roman, resigned yesterday. This was apparently to appease the thousands of striking miners who had massed in Bucharest. The mob is now demanding Mr Iliescu's head too. Even if they can be persuaded to go home by their leaders, behind them stand millions of disillusioned Romanians. Having supposed that Mr Iliescu had led a revolution in 1989, they now suspect that the uprising merely assisted a palace coup.

There are similarities between now and June 1990. Then Mr Iliescu summoned thousands of miners to Bucharest after students and intellectuals had protested for weeks. Demonstrators were beaten, six died, and the two main opposition parties had their offices and personnel attacked or intimidated.

Now, however, the president has consulted the opposition, hoping to broaden the power base of his National Salvation Front. But the failure of the police and army to clear the streets suggests that the levers of power no longer work for Mr Iliescu.

As the glamour that attached to the man who deposed Ceausescu wore off and hopes of Western aid dwindled, Mr Iliescu has been forced to rely on his predecessor's power base: the Securitate. Renamed and purged, less visible than under Ceausescu, the secret police is still powerful. It was behind the "fascists" who rioted against the Hungarian minority in Transylvania last year, and it spread rumours of a "fascist coup" in order to enlist the miners' support in June 1990. It turned what might in any case have been an election victory for the National Salvation Front last year into a phoney landslide by intimidating the opposition and poll-rigging.

Mr Roman, who even after his resignation still leads a caretaker government and should not yet be written off, is typical of the new elite. He has presented himself as a technocrat. He introduced the framework of a market economy, but relied too much on Western investment in a few large concerns. Romanians have little to show for these policies. The miners are both denouncing the Front's reform communism and demanding that their living standards be protected. The miners and other industrial workers sense that the last two years have been a transitional phase between communism and capitalism. But they do not appear to realise that a truly radical government would have to stop subsidising them.

The opposition parties are led by elderly dissidents and exiles such as Corneliu Coposu and Ion Ratiu, men of integrity but without charisma. They are unlikely to join a grand coalition to save Mr Iliescu, but without new elections they lack the power base to govern in his place. Romania desperately needs political stability, but will only find it once the relics of the Ceausescu era give way to a coalition of the technocrats and the opposition, under a head of state who is both above the parties and beyond reproach.

A FUNNY THING HAPPENING

The remaking of the all-British hero has been in evidence this year: not spy, sleuth or soldier but the cool ex-hostage, a man for our time. What he shares with former hero-models of the James Bond school is understated courage and dry humour. "Nothing to it, old boy" still sums up the lot of them. But the new man differs when under attack. He shoots back not with lead but with irony. He endures without anger or bitterness, charm intact and no blood on his hands.

The prototype was Roger Cooper. Released from an Iranian prison in the spring, he remarked: "Anyone who has been to an English public school and served in the ranks of the British army is quite at home in a Third World prison." The archetype may yet be Terry Waite, still with his captors, of whom Lambeth Palace once observed that they would hold him just as long as they could stand his awful jokes.

The moving sight of Jackie Mann's return to civilisation this week was promptly followed yesterday by John McCarthy's calculated exposure of himself across the British airwaves. Calculated, because he wrily reckoned set-piece interviews on radio and television were for grinning and bearing, an unavoidable step in the direction of normal life. Exposure, because he answered every intimate question with cheerful, though diffident, aplomb.

Mr Mann's brief appearance after his release was entirely uncalculated, but no less of a good humoured and dignified self-exposure. His infirmity of body and soul was painfully clear, as was his delight at being saluted by a Spitfire. These are occasions when smiles and tears occur together, though if the mouth and eyes are British, both are judicious. What happened to this old man at the hands of his captors was not funny, yet remains nobody's business unless he wants to share it. In Britain a man may stand weeping or laughing in the middle of a crowded street, and if none should look his way it will not be through indifference, but a decent respect for his privacy.

Undemonstrative or reserved are the words foreigners use to describe the British character, adding droll or cold according to whether they admire it or dislike it. This can miss the point, which lies in the humour.

When Brian Keenan returned from captivity all he wanted to talk about was the humour of John McCarthy. For days the two had talked in their cell about a hair-brained scheme for yak farming in Patagonia, Mr McCarthy said, admitting that neither he nor Mr Keenan had the least idea about either. Their Muslim militia guards must have been confused, indeed suspicious, which was all part of the joke.

When the RAF VC-10 flying him back had a hitch in its landing gear, Mr Mann offered his services (as a former pilot) to the flight-deck. It was the clearest signal to his countrymen that his spirit had survived; that and his pretence of a date with an air-stewardess. Having been one of the Few he has that rarified training in humour that was every airman's preparation for battle, where being nearly drowned in the sea was "taking a drink", terminal damage to the "crate" just a "prang" after a "spot of bother with Jerry".

Americans let everything hang out, continentals may kiss, weep and hug, but everything the British want to say on the tarmac of liberation is said in the understatement of a handshake and a joke. A funny sort of strength it signifies: and a great one.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Putting geography properly on the map in education

From the Secretary of State for Education and Science

Sir, I was extremely surprised to read today's third leader, "Pushed off the map", which was something of a rant about my "long campaign" against geography.

It followed a speech I gave to the Royal Geographical Society (report, September 25). In that speech I explained that one fifth of the new geography curriculum is environmental geography. I discussed the important elements it includes on world economic development which have been generally welcomed. I paid tribute to the considerable contribution which the Royal Geographical Society had made to shaping the new geography course for our schools.

I pointed out that geography is now to be a firm part of the teaching of all primary schoolchildren, who will for the first time have a clear framework for compulsory study in the subject. I explained how in secondary schools the geography syllabus will build on good practice, but progressively take the place of so-called integrated humanities courses, which have combined history and geography to the detriment of both in recent years.

I underlined how important the spirit of enquiry and the addressing of controversial issues were to the teaching of geography. I really cannot understand therefore why I am accused of "fanatically conservative" views and of regarding geography as "reeling off the rivers of South America". I hoped my critics on this subject had by now managed to find the time either to read my speeches or the actual geography curriculum order, which set off a short-lived and rather strange controversy.

I attended my last geography lesson about two months ago. The class were engaged in a mock public enquiry, where they were practising skills they would require to oppose any kind of development near their homes. Admirable, but not enough if young people are to have the balanced knowledge of their country and the wider world which they all need.

Yours truly,
K. CLARKE,
Department of Education
and Science,
Elizabeth House, York Road, SE1.
September 25.

From the President and Deputy President of the Historical Association

Sir, Congratulations on your editorial on the importance of geography in the curriculum of 14-16-year-olds and your powerful criticism of the policies of the present secretary of state for education.

Similar, perhaps even stronger, criticisms are justified where his treatment of history is concerned. Thanks to the efforts of his predecessors, Sir Keith Joseph and Kenneth Baker, and of bodies like the History Working Group and the National Curriculum Council, a sensible, carefully sequenced history syllabus for the 5-16 age group was ready by the end of last year.

The History Working Group, which had devised it after wide public consultation, had followed Kenneth Baker's instructions and planned it as a requirement for all pupils to the age of 16. Moreover, the National Curriculum Council produced a plan for the whole 14-16 curriculum (key stage 4) showing how both geography and history could be included as a requirement for all pupils, while allowing enough space for a genuinely broad and balanced curriculum plus some additional optional subjects.

This carefully planned approach to key stage 4 has been severely damaged by Kenneth Clarke's decision that history or geography should be optional at that stage. At his behest, a 20th-century unit was hastily added to key stage 3 in a way that has destroyed the coherence of both stages 3 and 4. On top of this came his silly ruling, based on an inability to distinguish between current affairs and contemporary history, that history in schools must be regarded as stopping in the 1960s (revised after widespread public outcry to the 1970s).

We hope that Kenneth Clarke will heed the advice of the Geographical Association and ourselves and also that of the National Curriculum Council. No pupils of the 14-16 age range, approaching adulthood, should be deprived of either geographical or historical perspectives on the society of which they are about to become full citizens. If he is unwilling to do so, perhaps we can persuade his successor to show greater wisdom.

Yours sincerely,
MICHAEL BIDDISS,
President,
MARTIN ROBERTS,
Deputy President,
The Historical Association,
59a Kennington Park Road, SE11.
September 25.

From Mr R. D. Beale

Sir, To talk of the government's "long campaign against geography" is hyperbolical nonsense. Ten per cent of the time devoted to lessons is required to reach GCSE standard in any particular subject. Including religious education there are 11 subjects in the national curriculum and most would feel the need to provide a supplementary diet.

It is the desire to find room for new subjects like technology and to make sure everyone studies modern languages (both subjects getting your approval) which creates the problem. Clearly something else must go if geography is to stay. You seem to be advocating that mathematics, science and English should be for the chop.

Yours faithfully,
R. D. BEALE (Deputy Head),
Pate's Grammar School,
Princess Elizabeth Way,
Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.
September 25.

Stranded children

From Mr Ian Botham

Sir, Your report (September 24) of two 12-year-old boys being stranded by British Rail reveals the same alarming lack of consideration and responsibility on the authority's part to young passengers as my own 13-year-old son experienced recently.

On August 24 this year my son was travelling from Oxenholme, Lancashire, to Birmingham New Street, with a ticket purchased for him by a family friend at Oxenholme. The train he caught was due to terminate at Birmingham. My son lost his ticket and was told (or according to British Rail "advised") by the conductor that he would have to get off the train at Crewe as he did not have enough money to buy a replacement ticket. My son explained to the conductor that his mother was meeting him at Birmingham.

It would have been an easy enough matter for the conductor to arrange for someone at Birmingham to have escorted my son to where my wife was due to meet him to get the matter sorted out; but as it was he was left at Crewe station at 7.30 pm on his own, and with very little money. Anything could have happened to him.

Fortunately at Crewe the staff did help, my son kept his head and was able to ring my carphone, knowing my wife was on her way to meet him and would be very worried if he did not arrive at Birmingham. He was also given a replacement ticket by the staff at Crewe.

I dread to think what could happen to a child who panics in such circumstances.

I have been in correspondence over the matter with British Rail, who say that it is still under investigation, suggest no dishonesty on my son's part and explain that my son gave the conductor the impression of being much older than 13.

I accept parents have overall responsibility for their children when travelling but would like to know what standards of care and consideration British Rail asks of its staff when dealing with young children.

Yours etc.,
IAN BOTHAM,
c/o Regent House,
89 Kingsway, WC2.
September 24.

Boxing and injuries

From Dr Peter Harvey

Sir, Every time a boxer is maimed or dies in the ring the same arguments are produced — by the same people — with muted but zealous fervour.

One, used by boxing apologists, is an argument to which you allude in your leading article ("Ring of death", September 23). The suggestion is that intensive pre-bout medical investigation will prevent a boxer at risk of acute bleeding into or around the brain from going into the ring.

This is just not the case. Such investigations can only detect already existing damage. Once detected the boxer can be prevented from further damage and this should prevent the punch-drunk syndrome from worsening. I am firmly convinced that clinical examination, brain scanning, psychological testing, balance testing, and various electrical tests of the nervous system would not have predicted Mr Watson's brain susceptibility to Mr Eubank's punches at the end of the 11th round.

Yes I saw it too: two fine young athletes with the sole intent of beating each other's brains out, in the process, of course, practising the noble art of self-defence (an illogical argument that, if ever there was one) while we, the direct descendants of the women who knitted under the guillotine, looked on mesmerised, some of us appalled, and some of us ashamed.

Yours faithfully,
PETER HARVEY
(Consultant neurologist),
The Royal Free Hospital Trust,
Pond Street, Hampstead, NW3.
September 24.

Serbs and Croats

From Mr George Ivancevic

Sir, Can Kathleen Wilkes, who states (September 18) that Serbs in Croatia have enjoyed the same rights as the Croats, account for the fact that Croatian television and radio provide no Serbian programming, whilst the Italians, Slovenes, Hungarians and Albanians, incomparably less well represented than the Serbs in Croatia, have their own programmes?

During the past year many Serbs in Croatia have suffered assaults and destruction of their property. Political conventions have been banned and Serbian cemeteries desecrated. Many Serbs have lost their jobs for refusing to sign letters of support to the leadership.

While guaranteeing equality to all citizens, the Croatian constitution makes a point of differentiating between Croats and the rest. Proposals by Serbian MPs that Croatia be declared the republic of all its free and equal citizens have been ignored.

Yours faithfully,
G. IVANCEVIC,
52 The Tene, Baldock, Hertfordshire.

Election issues

From the General Secretary of Bifu

Sir, The Conservative party (report, September 21) has now embarked on an expensive publicity campaign apparently to demonstrate that the Labour party is subservient to trade unions. Our union and a number of other unions are affiliated to and active within the TUC but are not affiliated to the Labour party or any other political party.

Is the Conservative party seeking to lump all the unions together, irrespective of their affiliation, or does it seek to portray membership of any trade union as somehow a bad thing of itself because it seems to affect only one political party?

If so, I would be interested in the view of the prime minister, who was a member of ours when he worked in banking.

Yours faithfully,
LEIF MILLS,
General Secretary,
Banking Insurance and
Finance Union,
Sheffield House, 1b Amity Grove,
Raynes Park, SW20.
September 23.

Fast and loose

From Mr Johnny Perkins

Sir, As I proceeded to work on my moped at a steady 28mph I was overtaken with some panache by an unhelmeted, mountain-bike cyclist who swiftly disappeared into the distance. Since this is not the first time I have suffered this indignity I am left wondering whether, given the speeds possible on today's cycles, it is not about time that all cyclists should be made to wear head protection by law.

Yours faithfully,
JOHNNY PERKINS,
36 Turenne Close,
Wandsworth, SW18.

Riots and deprivation

From Dr C. B. Goodhart

Sir, Of course the Archbishop of Canterbury is right (reports, September 21) that "human wrongdoing is inextricably linked to social deprivation, poverty, poor housing and illiteracy", not to mention unemployment and delinquency. But is it not possible that the wrongdoers themselves may be at least in part responsible for the conditions with which their wrongdoing is linked? It is important here to distinguish between causes and effects.

Yours etc.,
C. B. GOODHART,
Gonville and Caius College,
Cambridge.

From Mr Tim Montgomerie

Sir, The suggestion by the Archbishop of Canterbury that the recent riots in Newcastle could be explained by social deprivation does not face up to the reality of the incidence of civil disorder in late 20th-century Britain. Economic deprivation does not explain the regular breakdown of order in prosperous English villages on a weekend evening or why many football hooligans are quite wealthy professional people during the rest of the week.

The Bible frequently defines poverty in relational terms and identifies groups like widows, orphans and migrants as needing special support. The erosion we have seen in familial and community ties over the last decades is a better explanation of the disorder which we observe more and more frequently.

That is why Dr Carey's criticism of opt-out schools was particularly misplaced. These schools are community-based, effecting more control by local people over educational provision — a step in the right direction.

Yours faithfully,
T. MONTGOMERIE (Chairman,
Conservative Christian Fellowship),
43 Bridgeway, Lostock Hall,
Preston, Lancashire.

From Mr John L. Marshall, MP for Hendon South (Conservative)

Sir, The Ten Commandments were designed to tell people how to behave. The Archbishop of Canterbury seems to condone rather than to condemn lawlessness.

Perhaps, the church would have more impact if it told people what to do rather than seek to produce excuses for their failure to do right.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN L. MARSHALL,
House of Commons.
September 20.

From Mr Dominic King

Sir, The recent violent riots in Knightsbridge, Weybridge, Belgravia, Ascot and Beaconsfield show how utterly wrong the Archbishop of Canterbury is to link public disorder to social deprivation.

Yours sincerely,
DOMINIC KING,
The Cottage at Bottrells Close,
Bottrells Lane,
Chalfont St Giles,
Buckinghamshire.
September 25.

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Chance for review of national parks

From Mr J. St Bodfan Gruffydd

Sir, Advantage should be taken of the government's decision (report, September 21) to reorganise the administration of our national parks and also review their boundaries. The latter were drawn up when agriculture was still labour-intensive, before the agricultural revolution of mid-century and before the movement for the conservation of nature and wildlife had really got going.

Now, with the new European influences of set-aside, etc., there is the opportunity to zone the good agricultural land from the more marginal areas, which are so important in the cycle of wildlife and its biological balance.

There is the opportunity to draw the boundaries of these areas more closely and selectively following topographical features which define the ambience of areas of landscape beauty, instead of administrative boundaries which are meaningless in this context and have changed in the interregnum anyway.

The opportunity should not be missed.

Yours faithfully,
BODFAN GRUFFYDD,
As from: Black Hill,
Jubilee Drive,
Malvern, Worcestershire.
September 24.

From Mr David Green

Sir, In a letter which you published on May 31, 1969, I stated thus a paradox even then apparent in national park policy:

1. We are preserving areas of natural beauty for the benefit of the nation.
2. Without considerable improvements in communications, accommodation and other facilities the benefit can in fact only accrue to a tiny minority — and generally the better off.
3. With the improvements envisaged in 2 we shall probably destroy the natural beauty in 1.

That fundamental problem was ignored. Twenty years later we have had the improvements in 2 and the consequences foretold in 3. Large areas of the Lake District, Peak District and Snowdonia national parks, and some here are being ground to pieces.

Now there is only one option. The Countryside Commission should be granted the power to exclude the public altogether from areas at significant risk and for as long as it takes nature to regenerate them. Meantime no more land should be opened to general public access until that power is in place and in use.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID GREEN,
Rhyd yr Harding, Castle Morris,
Nr Haverfordwest, Dyfed.
September 21.

Regenerating Moscow

From Mr Mikhail P. Mandrigin

Sir, The urban regeneration of Moscow, graphically described by Michael Binyon in his article of September 17, offers real investment opportunities for foreign organisations. These need not be purely altruistic; they can also be perfectly sound commercial ventures.

It is sad to note, however, that in this British firms are being left standing by their German, Austrian, French and Italian counterparts, who enjoy support from their governments through export credit guarantees. Despite all the high-profile diplomacy and rhetoric, such support from our own government is not available for building projects in Russia.

Incidentally, the "American style" Slavianskaya Hotel, in which the human rights conference is being held, is not owned by the Radison Group, as Mr Binyon reports. It was designed by Russian architects, built by Yugoslav contractors and paid for by the Russians, who have since signed a joint venture with Radison to manage the complex.

Yours faithfully,
MIKHAIL P. MANDRIGIN
(Managing Director),
Fitzroy Robinson International Ltd,
77 Portland Place, W1.
September 18.

Phone number game

From Major Richard Dixon

Sir, I write to register my support for Adrian Fisher (September 12) who complains about British Telecom. Every person in military service is subject to the tyranny of BT whenever they have to move to another part of the country to do their job and want a telephone to keep in touch with family and friends. Recently we moved only five miles. We could not retain the same number and the charge for the new connection was £37.48. This was our 18th house.

Yours (not by fax) sincerely,
RICHARD C. DIXON,
20 Bettiscombe Close,
Canford Heath,
Poole, Dorset.

Opinion pools

From the Reverend R. T. Nelson

Sir, So most swimming pools in London are warmer in Labour boroughs than in Conservative ones (Matthew Parris, September 23). I always wondered why socialists were red and Tories blue.

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT NELSON,
5 Sedbergh Road,
Wallasey, Merseyside.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
September 26: The Duchess of York presented the Cartier Business Awards at a luncheon at The Savoy Hotel, London.

Her Royal Highness then visited Cheshire, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Cheshire (Mr William Bromley-Davenport).

The Duchess of York visited the Dom Valdez Centre for Cancer Care, Murdishaw, Runcorn and opened the Amanda Edwards Appeal Unit for the Young Chronically Sick.

Miss Lucy Manners and Captain Alexander Baillie-Hamilton were in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
September 26: The Duke of Kent, Chancellor, this evening attended the University of Surrey's 25th Anniversary Reception in the State Apartments of St James's Palace and later His Royal Highness, Patron of the London Philharmonic Orchestra, attended the London Philharmonic Trust's Gala Evening at the Royal Festival Hall, London SE1.

Commander Roger Walker, RN, was in attendance.

The Duchess of Kent this morning reopened "Elsie Bishop House" Adult Assessment Unit at the David Lewis Centre for Epilepsy, Warford, Alderley Edge, Cheshire and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Cheshire (Mr William Bromley-Davenport).

Her Royal Highness this afternoon opened the Manchester and District Housing Association's new development at Morris Grove, Flixton, Trafford and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Great Manchester (Colonel John Timmins).

Mrs David Napier was in attendance.

Luncheons

Reed's School Foundation Appeal
Viscount Bridgeman presided at a luncheon yesterday to launch the Reed's School 178th Annual Foundation Appeal, which was held at the Grocers' Hall, by kind permission of the Master of the Grocers' Company, Mr J. Trotter. Mr G.M. Nissen, the Chairman of the School Trustees, and Mr D.E. Prince, the Headmaster, also spoke to the 80 guests.

Park Tower Luncheon Club
Mr Derek Picot, General Manager of the Sheraton Park Tower Hotel, and Miss Georgina Sullivan, Public Relations Manager, were the hosts at a monthly luncheon of the Park Tower Luncheon Club held on Thursday, September 26, 1991, in Restaurant 101 Knightsbridge. The guests were Mrs Andrew Lloyd Webber, Miss Celia Brayfield, Lieutenant Colonel G.T.R. Birdwood, Miss Ewa Lewis, Mr Kim Bailey, the Earl of Stockton and Mr Terance Alexander.

Appointments

Latest appointments include:

Captain Ronald Charles Cunningham-Jardine to be Lord-Lieutenant of Dumfries and Galloway region, in succession to Captain John Gavin Milne Home, who will be resigning on October 20.

Mr Michael Frye to be Chairman of the Royal Society for the encouragement of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce (RSA), in succession to Professor John Tomlinson.

Dr Philip Evans, Head Master of Bedford School, to be a member of the School Examinations and Assessment Council (SEAC).

Dr R. J. Bennett to be President of the British Society of Gastroenterology.

Today's royal engagements

The Duchess of York will visit St Rocco's Hospice, Warrington, at 10.30; and will open the Warrington Business Generation Centre at 11.05.

The Duke of Gloucester will attend a performance of *The Merry Widow* by the Pavilion Opera at Warwick Castle at 3.50, in aid of the St John Ambulance Brigade.

Edward Crossley Thompson

A memorial service for Edward Crossley Thompson, Emeritus Fellow of Jesus College (1986-1991) and formerly Fellow and Tutor in Mathematics, 1945-86, will be held in Jesus College Chapel on Saturday, October 12, 1991, at 2.15 pm.

Westonbirt School

Speech Day is today and the new Art and Technology Centre is being opened by the Chairman of Governors, Mr Francis Rawes, MBE, MA, Chairman since 1983. Mr Rawes is retiring this year and his successor will be Mr Alan McLintock, CA, Chairman of the Woolwich Building Society and the Ecclesiastical Insurance Group.

Reception

Fulbright Commission
Mr Charles E. Courtney, Minister-Counsellor for Public Affairs at the American Embassy, welcomed the guests at a reception held last night at the embassy in honour of American Fulbright scholars at the start of their year in the United Kingdom.

Dinners

NCH George Thomas Society
Mr Neville Shulman, Chairman of the National Children's Home George Thomas Society, presided at the annual dinner and lecture held last night at the Café Royal. Miss Esther Rantzen was the principal speaker and Viscount Tonypandy, Mr Ian Wratislaw and Mr John Gray also spoke. Among the other guests were:

Lord and Lady Romsey, Lady Soames, Sir Robin Butler, Sir Brian and Lady Hill, Sir Bryan and Lady Nicholson, Sir Sigmund Sternberg, Mr Michael Checkland, Miss Nerys Hughes, Sheikh and Mme Ahmed Zaki Yamani, Miss Faith Legh and Mr Tony Baldry, MP, and Mrs Baldry.

Merton College, Oxford
Sir Peter Tapsell, MP, was host last night at a dinner held at the House of Commons for London Old Mertonians. Dr John Roberts, Warden of Merton College, Oxford, was the guest of honour. Mr John Booth presided and Mr Timothy Abraham and Lord Pennock also spoke.

Africa-European Community Association
The High Commissioner for Uganda and Mrs Kirya were the guests of honour at a dinner arranged by the Africa-European Community Association at Over-Seas House, St James's, last night. Mr Roger Sibley presided.

British Society of Gastroenterology
Professor Sir Robert Shields, President of the British Society of Gastroenterology, presided at the annual dinner held last night at the New Connaught Rooms. Dr John Bennett, president-elect, and Dr Sidney Phillips, of the Mayo Clinic, United States, also spoke. Among others present were:

Sir Walter and Lady Bodmer, Sir Robert Kilpatrick, Sir Francis and Lady Avery Jones, Dame Sheila Sherlock and Dr and Mrs Tony Axon.

Birthdays today

Miss Diane Abbott, MP, 38; Miss Josephine Barstow, opera singer, 51; Mr Roger Birch, chief constable, Sussex, 61; Mr Philip Blacker, jockey, 42; Baroness Blackstone, 49; Miss Barbara Dickson, singer, 43; Mr J.K. Gill, former president, Saatchi and Saatchi, 71; Sir Alexander Graham, Lord Mayor of London, 53; Mr Nicholas Haslam, interior designer, 52; Sir Peter Holmes, chairman, Shell Transport and Trading Company, 59; Mr Gordon Honeycombe, broadcaster and author, 55; Lieutenant-General Sir Ian Jacob, 92; Mr Denis Lawson, actor, 44.

Mr Donald Lindsay, former headmaster, Malvern College, 81; Dr G.H. Martin, former Keeper of Public Records, 63; Sir Edward Nichols, former town clerk, City of London, 80; the Rev Professor D. E. Nineham, theologian, 70; Mr D.A.E.R. Peake, chairman, Kleinwort Benson Group, 57; General Sir Ian Riches, 83; Dr Margaret Rule, director of research and interpretation, Mary Rose Trust, 63; Lord Shepherd, 73.

Marriages

**Mr P. Shepherd
and Miss B. Cox**
The marriage took place on September 20, in Cambridge, between Paul Shepherd, of Cambridge, and Bridget Cox, of Caldbeck, Cumbria.

**Mr J.J. Hall
and Miss S.H. Fernie**
The marriage took place on Saturday, September 21, at the Church of St Mary and St Nicholas, Wigginton, York, of Mr Jonathan Hall, youngest son of Mr and Mrs J.P. Hall, of Beverley, Humberside, and Miss Sheila Fernie, daughter of Mr M.D. Fernie and Mrs E.M. Tosdevin, of York.

Memorial service

Mr Gordon Evans

The Secretary General of the United Nations was represented by Mr Graeme Warner, Director of the United Nations Information Centre, London, at a service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr Gordon Evans held yesterday at St Michael's, Chester Square.

The Rev David Prior officiated and Miss Myriel Davies, Deputy Director of the United Nations Association, read prayers. Mrs Elizabeth MacKeith and Miss Joanna Lee read the lessons. Mr William Say read the preamble to the United Nations Charter and Mrs Ruth Steinkraus Cohen, United Nations Association, Connecticut, also representing the UNA of America, read an extract from a speech by the Secretary General. Lord Judd gave an address. Among others present were:

Mr and Mrs John Bowman, Mrs Audrey Lee-Frost, Miss Elizabeth Lee, Mr and Mrs Anthony Mellows, Mr and Mrs William Bowman; the Hon Isabel Catto.

Mr Donald Hughes, Mrs Anita Graham, Major H Haydon (United Nations Association Headquarters, Whitehall) with Mr David Wardrop (UNA London region), Mrs Anne Sieve (chairman, UNA Westminster branch), Mr Bill Davies (representing the UNA Welsh National Council), Mrs M E Jenkins (UNA, Yorkshire), Miss Dorothy Shipp (Lewisham), Mr John Cottle (Southwark/Dulwich), Mr Philip Vince (Hampstead), Mrs Bertha Bradby (Bath), Mr Denis Kelly (Knebworth) and Mrs Joy Young and Mr Geoffrey Clarke (Aldeburgh) and other members of the association.

Colonel Patrick Montgomery (chairman, Anti-Slavery Society), Mr Peter Davies (Human Rights Network), Mr Anthony McNulty (British Institute of Human Rights), Miss Margaret Quass (Council for Education in World Citizenship), Mrs Kathleen Corrigan (Society of Friends), Mr Brian Locke (Club of Rome).

Miss Eva Kidd, Miss Gillian Harris, Mr and Mrs Arthur Shannon, Mr Ivor Beynon, Mr and Mrs R I Johnson, Dr Roger Sawyer, Mr and Mrs G Fletcher, Mrs K R H Allan, Mr Paul Buxton and Mr John Leech.

OBITUARIES

DR SEUSS

Theodor Seuss Geisel, the American author/illustrator, better known as "Dr Seuss", died on September 24 aged 87. He was born on March 2, 1904, in Springfield, Massachusetts.

EXASPERATED by the "Pallid Primers" that were designed to teach children to read, John Hersey, in an article in *Life* magazine in 1954, called for a conversion to jauntiness. He had in mind some best-selling picture books of the day like *Yertle The Turtle* and *If I Ran the Zoo* from the crazily inventive pen of "Dr Seuss."

Inspired by this article, Dr Seuss and an educational publisher got together and jauntily created for young children a new-style reading book *The Cat in The Hat*, the appearance of which in 1957 dismayed (but never finally routed) the pallid primer mongers. With a controlled vocabulary of only 175 words the text took off into uncontrolled hilarity — using the principles of the reading scheme to send up the whole genre. Good little, bored children in the book find themselves at the mercy of an anarchic creature in a stove-pipe hat who is determined that they shall bouncily enjoy themselves to the consternation of a prim, admonitory goldfish.

I know it is wet
And the sun is not sunny
But we can have lots
Of good fun that is funny.

The Cat in The Hat was an immediate hit and brought its author the presidency of Beginner Books, a division of Random House, where he persuaded like-minded colleagues to help him pioneer easy reading through farce. His own final tally of 47 books sold more than 100 million copies in 18 languages. His best-selling title was the very simple *Green Eggs and Ham* of 1960.

Theodor Seuss Geisel (who also wrote as Theo Le Sieg) was the son of a Massachusetts brewer who at one time, significantly, ran a zoo. The boy had a conventional enough schooling, graduating from Dartmouth College, New Hampshire, in 1925 and then going to Lincoln College, Oxford, to read English. Philological studies had little attraction for him, however, and he left to travel in Europe and to develop a growing talent for cartooning. This had surfaced while he was editor of the Dartmouth College journal, *Jack O' Lantern*, and it was through a need to disguise his identity in that paper that he hit on the notion of calling himself by his middle name.

Dr Seuss with his popular character "The Cat in the Hat"

On his return to America in 1927, his comic skills were noticed by the wife of a Standard Oil Accounts Executive. He was engaged to devise an advertising campaign based on his slogan of "Quick Henry! the Flit", and as a result he gained a degree of security which enabled him to marry Helen Palmer, an English girl whom he had first met while doodling his way through the Oxford lectures on Old English.

During the 1930s Ted Geisel freelanced on several advertising campaigns and on cartooning for magazines such as *Judge* and *Life*. In 1936, however, during a stormy sea-passage, he found himself composing some thudding verses which turned themselves into his first picture book, *And To Think That I saw It on Mulberry Street* (1937). He claimed that his manuscript was rejected by 28 publishers before Vanguard accepted it, but as soon as it was published it was widely praised for its nonsensical verve. (Beatrix Potter, a severe reader, called it: "The cleverest book that I have met with for many years").

Mulberry Street set a pattern that Geisel was to follow through to *The Cat in The Hat* and beyond. Essentially this consisted of the marrying of a variety of nonsense texts, almost always in a compulsively rhythmic doggerel, to an equally nonsensical series of pictures, using a bestiary which included Sneetches and Grinches and a gazeteer that stretched from the Valley of Vung to the inaccessible Solla Sollew. The nonsense, however, was frequently tempered by moral considerations, which sometimes concerned the need for personal integrity, and sometimes concerned global issues. *The Lorax* (1971), for instance, hinges on the dangers of pollution, *The Butter Battle Book* (1984) on nuclear destruction, while one of his last books, *You're Only Old Once* (1986), was primarily intended as a text-book for the aged: "You buy a copy for your child now and you give it to him on his 70th birthday."

During the war Geisel worked on projects related to the making of information films and this interest continued afterwards, when he made his home at La Jolla in Southern California. Several documentary films of his won academy awards and he was especially proud of the award for the animated cartoon *Gerald McBoing-Boing* in 1951. In 1968 he received the first of several honorary doctorates — which gave some credence to the title that he had bestowed upon himself so long before. He also received awards for his children's books.

Helen Palmer Seuss died in 1967; a year later Geisel married Audrey Stone Diamond who survives him. There were no children.

KLAUS BARBIE

Klaus Barbie, the former Gestapo chief in Lyons, who in 1987 was jailed for life for his "crimes against humanity", died on September 25 aged 77. He was born in Bad Godesberg, Germany, on October 25, 1913.

KLAUS Barbie, notorious as the "Butcher of Lyons" was never a very senior Nazi, merely a middle-rank executive. But he displayed a cold, zealous ruthlessness, an apparent delight in inflicting torture and watching his victims suffer, that marked him out as bestial even by Nazi standards. He played a key role in the fight against the Resistance in Lyons, where he is believed to have tortured with his own hands the Resistance leader Jean Moulin.

After the war he managed to escape justice. He then spent over 30 years pursuing his vicious career in Bolivia in the service of dictators and cocaine-dealers before he was finally arrested and taken back to Lyons to face one of the most elaborate and highly-publicised trials of post-war Europe. Unrepentant, he still remained obstinately loyal to the oath that he had sworn to the Führer.

Klaus Barbie's parents were primary schoolteachers; he grew up in a village in the Eifel hills and attended a *Gymnasium* in Trier. His father, who had been wounded at Verdun, was a violent drunkard who later died of his war injuries. These traumas affected Barbie and may help to explain, but not excuse, his adult hatred of the French. He also developed a sense of frustrated ambition, for his mother was too poor to send him to university. Instead, he turned to the Nazis for a career and for security. He trained in the SS, and was soon noted for his efficiency and zeal. In 1940 he began Gestapo work in Holland, then in 1941-2 was on the Russian front where he is thought to have taken part in the SS mass murders of Jews.

In November 1942, aged 29, he was transferred to Lyons where in effect he ran the Gestapo operation for the region under the orders of two senior SS officers. As was later proved at this trial he was diligent in rounding up Jews and deporting them to the death camps — most notably, in April 1944, he seized 44 Jewish orphan children in a home at Izieux in the Ain. He also harassed the Resistance and in June 1943 arrested Jean Moulin who later died of the tortures he had received, from Barbie and others.

According to all the evidence, Barbie relished torture as a kind of contest between himself and his victim, and he later spoke of his "respect" for Moulin and others whom he had failed to get to talk. His sadistic armoury included electric shocks, beatings with spiked chains, even the torture of small children in front of their parents. And right to the end he did not relent: in August 1944, as Lyons was about to be liberated, he sent his infamous "last convoy" of 650 prisoners ahead of him — to the death camps. For his work in Lyons he received a congratulatory telegram from Himmler.

After the war, back in Germany, Barbie went into hiding and lived by his wits as a petty thief. Then in 1947 the Americans spotted him and decided that his anti-communist expertise and fanaticism could be useful to them: so for four years he worked for the US Counter Intelligence Corps. They refused French demands to hand him over to justice, fearing that some of their own secrets might thus get back to Moscow. When the French insisted, the CIC in 1951 arranged for Barbie and his wife and two children to be shipped safely to South America under aliases — with Red Cross protection. In 1952 and 1954 French courts condemned him to death in absentia, for the murder of Moulin and other war crimes.

In Peru and then mainly in fascist Bolivia his old tendencies found new outlets. He began to take part in illicit arms dealing and in helping the cocaine trade. He formed friendly links with senior rightist Bolivian officers, who put him in charge of their repressive apparatus, including torture. He joined the furtive network of nostalgic Nazi exiles in South America, for whom anti-Bolshevism and love of Hitler were still the creeds; he even used young neo-Nazi German thugs to form a terror group, "the Fiancés of Death", in the service of the cocaine traders and the Bolivian right. In 1980 he helped to organise the coup that brought the dictator General Garcia Meza to power in La Paz.

Barbie's true identity and whereabouts were known to the French from at least 1971; Serge and Beate Klarsfeld, those intrepid Nazi-hunters, spent years trying to winkle him out, but he was too heavily entrenched. Then in September 1982 the Garcia Meza regime fell and democracy came to Bolivia. The French saw their chance. But there was no extradition treaty between the two countries, and Barbie was now a Bolivian citizen. Nevertheless, with a justification more moral than legal, the two governments did a deal that led to Barbie's return to Lyons under arrest. He was put in the same Montluc prison where thousands had perished under his auspices. His wife had just died of cancer, and his son earlier in an accident: the fight had by now gone out of him, and he seemed a frail, bewildered old man — but still unrepentant.

After many delays, his trial finally took place in May-July 1987, in the Lyons Assize Court. Under the French "20-year limitation" law he could no longer be retried for his war crimes so a new charge was prepared, "crimes against humanity", which covered his deportation of Jews but not his anti-Resistance actions. Even so, there was no shortage of prosecution witnesses. His flamboyant extreme-left defence lawyer, Jacques Verges, made a bid to turn the trial into an indictment of French rightist "collaborators" and "colonialists"; but this failed. He did, however, advise his client to boycott much of the trial proceedings, which took place with Barbie back in his cell. But he was finally found guilty on all 177 counts and sentenced to life imprisonment.

Neither at his trial or at other times did Barbie show any sign of remorse or guilt. He told the court that the Nazis' cause had been just and their only fault was to have been defeated. And he told a friend that he was proud to have remained faithful to the oath that he had sworn to the Führer in 1935. His personal love for Hitler seemed to have a mystical, even psychotic quality, transcending reason. Yet in some other respects he seemed commonplace. Some witnesses of his tortures recalled his bitter, tight lips, frightening face and mocking laugh; others remembered him as courteous and well-dressed. Clearly he was something of a chameleon — and a womaniser. His wife, also a devoted Nazi, stayed in Germany during his Gestapo years in Lyons, where he was often seen in night clubs.

He is survived by his daughter, Ute.

EDWARD HALL

Edward Hall, president of the Royal Society of Portrait Painters, died from cancer on September 3 aged 69. He was born on February 5, 1922.

TED Hall was an obstinate, courteous, intellectual and devoted old-fashioned painter, who did portraits, landscape and still-life. He came from an engineering family in Leicester and sometimes regretted that he had not spent more time indulging his scientific bent. He was an accomplished pianist and, a reluctant traveller, he lived and died in Pimlico. He was a naturally humble man and, not striving to achieve wordly success, asked little more than to be able to paint at home.

Hall attended Wyggeston Grammar School, Leicester, and went for a year to Leicester College of Art, before serving for six years in the Royal Air Force during the second world war. On demobilisation he became a student, first at Wimbledon School of Art and then at the Slade School of Fine Art.

His portrait painting was always too scholarly and austere to attract popular custom. His painting of a head was rather the dissection of forms than the exploration of personality, but throughout his life there were distinguished sitters with a discerning eye who sought him out, including Lord Trend, Bishop Huddlestone, Sir John Russell; and he ventured into painting portraits of royalty including the Prince of Wales and the Duke of Gloucester. He did a complete group of the Army Board with the Queen Mother and another painting which featured the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh at London's Guildhall.

He never possessed a studio, preferring, like Wilson Steer at the beginning of the century, the domestic light of his sitting room. No man ever played the artist less than Ted Hall. His subjects, like Chardin's, were the family and the objects around him. His work was regularly shown at the Royal Academy though in the years after the war that institution did not seem particularly keen on exhibiting society portraits and replaced them with the more "with-it" fashions of the moment. He was incapable of courting popularity and it needed an appreciation of painting possessed by few to enjoy to the full his unspectacular gifts. For him, painting was a matter for the eye and the visual mind rather than preconception. He was a man of words as well as paint, writing well.

He taught at various London art schools and his common sense and ability to express himself clearly and willingly made him a commanding presence in a studio. He stuck by traditional values and styles in teaching and painting at a time when it seemed to him that art schools were abandoning working from observation in favour of free expression and other conceptual approaches.

He examined, with hilarious comments, the aims of the new art; his main concern was what he saw as the betrayal of students by the waste of their valuable and brief years of training. He was a constant exhibitor at the Royal Society of Portrait Painters and was in turn treasurer and secretary, dealing with practical matters with efficiency and with members' problems tolerantly and wisely. Perhaps because he was never eager for personal recognition he did not become president until four months before his death; his election was unanimous.

He leaves his widow, Daphne, and two sons and a daughter.

Fulbright awards to US graduates

The Fulbright Commission has made the following awards to United States graduates to study in the United Kingdom during 1991/92:

Derek Adler (Fordham Law School) London School of Economics, law; Tallis Barker (Harvard Univ) Oxford Univ, piano; Nancy Benjamin (Illinois State Univ) Central School of Speech and Drama, voice; Cammy Brothers (Harvard Univ) Courtauld Inst of Art, Renaissance art history; Jan Brunner (Trinity College, Washington DC) Leeds Univ, international relations; Robert Cheewalla (Tufts Univ) London School of Economics, industrial relations; Stephen Gleisner (Northwestern Univ) Courtauld Inst of Art, British art history; Deborah Harkness (Northwestern Univ) Centre for Medieval and Renaissance Studies, Oxford, history/philosophy; Debra Hershkowitz (Univ of Wisconsin) Univ of Bristol, classics; Olivia Judson (Stanford Univ) Oxford Univ, zoology.

Joseph Landers (Univ of Nebraska) studying with Alexander Goehr, composition; Angela Lee (Juilliard School) studying with William Pleeth, cello; Xavier Lopez (MIT) Birkbeck College, London, geographical information systems; Brian McCall (Yale Univ) King's College London, medieval English; Thant Myint-U (Johns Hopkins Univ) Cambridge Univ, history; Anne Nakasone, Fulbright Lusk award (Parsons School of Design, NY) National Film and Television School, animation; Keats Nelms (Univ of Minnesota) Medical Research Council, Cambridge, molecular biology; Jethro Pettit (Harvard Univ) Sussex Univ, development studies.

Andrea Richter (Princeton Univ) Oxford Univ, economics; Clifford Rogers (Ohio State Univ) Inst of Historical Research, London, history; John Shipley (Princeton Univ) Edinburgh Univ, British history; Vance Smith (Univ of Virginia) at large London, medieval studies; Molly Sutphen (Yale Univ) Wellcome Inst London, history of medicine; Donna White (Washington College) Manchester Polytechnic, biological research; Margaret Wilson (Univ California, Berkeley) Medical Research Council, Cambridge, psychology; Frances Young (Univ California, Irvine) Guildhall School of Music and Drama, voice.

Forthcoming marriages

**Mr I.K. Adam-Smith
and Miss H.K.T. Clarke**
The engagement is announced between Ian, elder son of Mr and Mrs Roderick Adam-Smith, of Frensham, Surrey, and Helen, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Colin Clarke, of Penshurst, Kent.

**Mr A.D.J. Brown
and Miss S.A. Hayden**
The engagement is announced between Alexander David John, second son of Mr and Mrs John Brown, of Churchill, Oxfordshire, and Sarah Annes, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Hayden, of Chatcull, Staffordshire.

**Mr A.J.C. Collett
and Miss T.J. Peck**
The engagement is announced between Alastair, elder son of Sir Christopher and Lady Collett, of Wimbledon, London, and Tiana, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Anthony Peck, of Kingston upon Thames, Surrey.

**Dr C.H. Guyer
and Miss C-L. Boyle**
The engagement is announced between Christopher Hugh, younger son of Mr and Mrs John Guyer, of Timsbury, Romsey, Hampshire, and Claire-Louise, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Dennis Boyle, of Swanmore, Hampshire.

**Mr B.G.B. Johnson
and Dr L.M. Pollock**
The engagement is announced between Benjamin Giles Bowlas, son of Mr J.E.B. Johnson, of Hornby, and of Mrs A. Johnson, of Lockerbie, and Lucy Mary, daughter of the late Dr A.M. Pollock and of Lady Cassidi, of Omagh.

**Mr J.M.J. Lewis
and Miss J.S. Khoo**
The engagement is announced between Jeremy, youngest son of Mrs Bunny Lewis and the late Mr Kenneth Lewis, of Wisborough Green, West Sussex, and Jacqueline, daughter of Mr and Mrs Raymond Khoo, of 53, Pembridge Villas, London, W11.

**Mr P.J. McGannon
and Miss M.J. Yates**
The engagement is announced between Patrick, youngest son of the late Mr Donald McGannon and of Mrs Donald McGannon, of Fort Hill, Chester, Connecticut, USA, and Miranda, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Yates, of Ennismore Gardens, London.

**Mr C.I. Llewellyn
and Miss S.P. Holdham**
The engagement is announced between Charles, only son of the late Mr Ralph Llewellyn and of Mrs Llewellyn, of Cheltenham, and Susan, only daughter of Mr and Mrs J.S. Holdham, of Stoke-on-Trent.

**Mr G.B.M.H. du Parc Braham
and Miss O.F.M. Baldwin**
The engagement is announced between Guy, eldest son of Mrs Susanne du Parc Braham and the late Lieutenant-Colonel Julian du Parc Braham, and Olivia, second daughter of Mr and Mrs John Baldwin, of Hong Kong.

**Mr M.C. Sansome
and Miss H.M. Whelan**
The engagement is announced between Mark, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Michael Sansome, of Pinner, Middlesex, and Helena, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Sean Whelan, of Bray, Co Wicklow, Ireland.

**Mr F.I. Schirmacher
and Miss E.S.C. Naylor**
The engagement is announced between Frank, elder son of Mr and Mrs F.K. Schirmacher, of Immensee, Switzerland, and Sophie, only daughter of Mr and Mrs P.B. Naylor, of Saffron Walden, Essex.

**Mr J.A.V. Smith
and Miss C.E. Smith**
The engagement is announced between Julian, only son of Mr and Mrs N.L.V. Smith, of Appledore, Kent, and Charlotte, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs D.A.G. Smith, of Bradford, West Yorkshire.

**Mr L.R. Strauss
and Miss N.A. Keisner**
The engagement is announced between Laurence Richard, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Peter Strauss, of Stanmore, Middlesex, and Nicole Amanda daughter of Dr Stuart Sande and Mrs Rosalyn Springer, of Regent's Park, London.

**Mr N.C. Sweeney
and Miss R.L.M. Al Shimali**
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, eldest son of Mr and Mrs John Sweeney, of Lullington, near Frome, Somerset, and Reem, daughter of Mr and Mrs Mohammed Al Shimali, of Torquay, Devon.

**Mr T.D. Ware
and Miss T.L. Clark**
The engagement is announced between Timothy, younger son of Dr and Mrs Ronald Ware, of Westminster, London, and Tanya, only daughter of Mrs Cherry Dreyer and the late Mr Colin Clark, of Mkushi, Zambia.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Samuel Adams, American independence leader, Boston, 1722; George Cruikshank, caricaturist, London, 1792; Alfred Mahan, naval historian, West Point, New York, 1840; Louis Botha, first prime minister of South Africa 1910-19, Greytown, South Africa, 1862; Sir William Empson, critic, Yokefleet, Yorkshire, 1906.

DEATHS: William of Wykeham, chancellor, bishop of Winchester, Bishop's Waltham, Hampshire, 1404; Rémy de Gourmont, poet and philosopher, Paris, 1915; Edgar Degas, painter, Paris, 1917; Adelina Patti, soprano, 1919; Engelbert Humperdinck, composer, Neustrelitz, Germany, 1921; Aristide Maillol, painter and sculptor, Banyuls-sur-Mer, 1944; Clara Bow, the "It" girl film star, Los Angeles, 1965; Dame Gracie Fields, Capri, 1979.

The Society of Jesus was founded, 1540. The Stockton-Darlington railway opened, 1825. The first meeting of the British Association for the Advancement of Science was held at York, 1831.

Church news

Diocese of Monmouth
The Rev R W Hugh Allen, priest-in-charge, St Thomas, Telford Park (Southwark): to be Vicar of Cwmtillery and Six Bells, from October 24.

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BIRTHS

BULL - On September 24th, to Kalusha (née Ostroumoff) and Nicholas, a son, Felix Nicholas James.

CAULCUTT - On September 24th, in Winchester, to Sas (née Cottrell) and John, a daughter, a sister for Alice and Emma.

DAVISON - On September 26th, at Dryburn, Durham City, to Karen and Philip, a daughter.

HALL-JONES - On September 25th at the Central Middlesex Hospital, to Sally (née Brown) and Stephen, a daughter, Alexandra Claire Esther, a sister for Alasdair Charles.

HUE WILLIAMS - On September 25th in Monaco, to Sarah and Tim, a son, Charles Luke, a brother for Sophie and Laura.

HUNTER - On September 13th 1991, at St Helier Hospital, Carshalton, to Fiona (née Teale) and David, a son, Benjamin Michael David, a brother for Lucy.

HURRELL - On Sunday September 22nd 1991, to Virginia and William, a son.

KENT - On September 21st, to John and Yvonne, a daughter, Catherine (Kitty) Grace Hardy.

LAWRENCE - On September 25th, to Jane and Mark, a daughter, Alexandra Elizabeth Gipsy, a sister for James and Edward.

MEDLICOTT - On September 24th 1991, at The William Harvey Hospital, Ashford, Kent, to Judith (née Fletcher) and Charles, a daughter, Hannah Lucy, a sister for Catherine.

MONCADA - On September 20th, at the Humana Hospital Wellington, to Alberto and Gabriella, a daughter, Lucrezia.

PLANT - On September 24th, at The Portland Hospital, to Nigel and Lea, a daughter, Charlotte Judy.

ROBERTS - On September 24th, to Selina (née Grove) and Stephen, a son. Thanks to all concerned at Queen Charlotte's Hospital.

SANTA-OLALLA - On September 24th, to Manda and Mark, a big handsome boy, George Samuel, a brother for Phoebe.

SCARLES - On September 22nd, to Francesca (née Quinnen) and Peter, a son, Benedict Edward John, a brother for Madeleine and Abigail.

SHARPE - On September 22nd, to Amanda (née Michaels) and Dennis, a son, Paul Oliver.

STEVENSEN - On September 21st, at The Portland Hospital, to Jane (née Dyer) and Adrian, a son, Hugo Charles.

TAYLOR - On September 18th 1991, to Claire (née Waddilove) and Neil, a daughter, Sophie Grace, a sister for Eliza and Charles.

WEBBER - On September 21st, at The Portland Hospital, to Amanda (née Joseph) and Jonathan, a son, Toby Jordan Benjamin.

WINSER - On September 25th, to Catherine (née Wright) and Julian, a daughter, Emily Rose, a sister for Holly.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

RAPHAEL:STOKES - Cecil and Dorothy celebrate their Golden Wedding. To God be the Glory.

DEATHS

BARCLAY - On Saturday September 21st, suddenly and tragically at Weymouth, Dorset. Terry (26), much loved son, brother, friend and colleague. Funeral Service to be held at St Peter's Church, Harton, South Shields, at 10 am on Saturday September 28th, to which all friends are invited. Enquiries and floral tributes please to R.S. Johnson and Sons (tel: 091 456 0054).

BIGLAND - On September 26th 1991 with courage and dignity, in his 85th year, Oscar Leonard, beloved husband of Margaret (Chilly). Greatly loved by all his family. Cremation private. Service of Thanksgiving at the Priory Church of St Mary's and St Cuthbert's, Bolton Abbey, North Yorkshire, on Tuesday October 1st at 3 pm.

CHRISTY - On September 23rd 1991, very suddenly, Nancy Alice Priscilla, a very loving and much loved wife of Hector Christy, of 37 Waverley Lane, Farnham, Surrey. Cremation shall take place at 2 pm at the Aldershot Crematorium on Wednesday October 2nd. Floral tributes to be sent to H.C. Patrick & Co., 86 East Street, Farnham, Surrey.

DALLAS - On Monday September 23rd 1991, suddenly and peacefully after a severe stroke, Betty, mother of Cynthia Allen and Sheena and Ross Dallas. Cremated Wednesday September 25th. Letters only please.

HARRISON - On September 24th, peacefully at St Wilfrid's Hospice, Chichester, Jean, Ph.D., M.B., B.S., beloved wife of Dr. A.R. (Harry) Harrison. Cremation private.

DEATHS

DEMPSTER - On Tuesday September 24th 1991, peacefully at home in Edinburgh, The Reverend W.M. (Marky) Dempster O.B.E. M.A. S.T.M., sometime Secretary of The Huts and Canteens Committee of the Church of Scotland and later Minister of The Scots Kirk Paris, dearly loved husband of Helen. Funeral Service at Mortonhall Crematorium, Edinburgh, Pentland Chapel, on Friday September 27th at 2.45 pm, to which all friends are invited. Family flowers only please.

de VINE - On September 26th 1991, James Chancellor Lt Col (retired), formerly of India Police (Burma) and Intelligence Corps. Most dearly loved and loving husband of Betsh and very dear father and grandfather. Service and cremation at Wilford Hill Crematorium, Nottingham, on Tuesday October 1st at 12.15 pm. Family flowers only please but donations if desired for the Intelligence Corps Benevolent Fund may be sent to A. Oliver & Sons Funeral Directors, 46 Easthorpe Street, Ruddington, Nottingham, NG11 6LB.

EIBENSCHÜTZ - On September 25th, peacefully, Karl, widower of Elvira and beloved stepfather of Anthony Gemmill and much loved grandfather of Richard and Tanya. Will be greatly missed by all. Funeral at All Saints Church, Yalesbury, on Thursday October 3rd at 2 pm.

HEAL - On September 24th 1991, at Chard, in his sleep after a brave fight, James Gordon Freeman, Ophthalmologist, aged 100 years, of London and Somerset. Dear father, grandfather and great grandfather to the Romerill and Davies families. Family flowers only please but donations, if desired, to the Save the Children Fund c/o H. Bishop & Sons Funeral Directors, Chard.

HUNT - On September 25th 1991, peacefully in hospital, Gertrude Edith (Trudy) aged 85, formerly of Farnborough, Hants., and for the past 5 years in the loving care of Dormy House Nursing Home, Sunningdale. Beloved widow of George Leslie and much loved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

INSALL - On Saturday September 21st, suddenly in Corsica, John, much loved husband of Anne, father of Guy and Clare. Funeral Service at St Edmund's Church, Old Costessey, at 2pm on Tuesday October 1st. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to British Heart Foundation c/o Peter Taylor Funeral Services, 85 Unthank Road, Norwich.

JUSTHAM - On September 25th peacefully in hospital after a short illness David Gwyn loving and dearly loved husband of Thelma and devoted father of Jamie and Julia. Family funeral to be followed later by a Thanksgiving Service for his life.

KITOVITZ - On September 24th, after a long, bravely fought struggle, Norman, much loved father and grandfather. Service at St Andrew's Church, St Andrew's Road, W14, on Wednesday October 2nd at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to Trinity Hospice, 30 Clapham Common Northside, SW4.

PATRICK - On August 19th, at Thornbury Hospital, Sheffield, Leslie Bonthron Patrick F.R.C.S. (Ed), F.R.C.O.G., aged 87 years, formerly of Holly Court, Sheffield and lately of Tayvallich, Argyll. A Memorial Service will be held at St Andrew's United Reformed Church, Upper Hanover Street, Sheffield, at noon on Friday October 18th.

ROOK - On September 21st, peacefully, Eric, beloved husband of Winifred, father of Erica, Caroline, Peter and Steven. Funeral 11.30 am September 30th, Hendon Cemetery, Holders Hill Road, NW7. No flowers please, donations if desired to Alzheimer's Society.

STIVEN - On September 25th 1991 suddenly in hospital after a brief illness, George aged 81 of Langley near Macclesfield, formerly with the Attock Oil Company. Husband of A'mina and stepfather of Farida. Father of Christopher and Nicholas. Private family funeral at Macclesfield Crematorium at 2.30 pm on Tuesday October 1st. Flowers by 12 noon to J.W. Brocklehurst & Sons, 17 Macclesfield Road, Prestbury (Tel: 0625 827576).

STRAKER - On September 24th, peacefully in Cheltenham, Helen Dorothy, beloved wife of Thomas and mother of Antoinette and Rosalind. Funeral private.

WARING - On September 25th, Edward Scott (Teddy), beloved husband of Virginia, dearly loved father of Elizabeth and Jane. Funeral private, please no flowers, donations in lieu if desired to R.N.L.I.

DEATHS

STUART - On September 18th 1991, suddenly at her home, Mary Patricia, aged 80 years, irreplaceable and dearly loved by all who knew her. Funeral Service at Holy Innocents Church, Lamarsh, nr. Bures, Suffolk, on Thursday October 3rd 1991 at 12 noon. Memorial Service at Westleton Church at a later date. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, to The Cats Protection League, Rainbow Farm, Redisham, Beccles, Suffolk, NR34 8NE.

VERITY - On Wednesday, September 25th, peacefully at the Princess Margaret Hospital, Windsor, Doreen Louise (née Bishop), beloved wife of the late Charles Verity, adored mother and grandmother. Funeral Service at St Michael's, Sunningdale, on Monday, September 30th at 2.30 pm, and thereafter at Woking Crematorium. Flowers and enquiries to Lines Bannister, High Street, Ascot (0344) 20256.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

BASTARD - A Thanksgiving Service for the late Judith Bastard (née Remnant) will be held at the Church of St John the Evangelist, Hartley Wintney, on Friday October 11th at 2.30 pm.

KNOX - A Memorial Service for Kathleen Knox will be held on Thursday October 17th at 2 pm at St Andrew's Church, Dacre, Penrith. Donations, if desired, to Dacre Church Organ Appeal.

PIERCE - Jock M., Chairman Ranger Oil Ltd Memorial Service to be held at St Margaret's Church, Lothbury, at 12 noon on Tuesday October 1st 1991.

IN MEMORIAM – WAR

DUNDAS - In proud and loving memory of Henry Dundas MC and BAR, Acting Captain 1st Battalion, Scots Guards. Scholar-elect of Christ Church, Oxford, who was killed in action at the Canal du Nord, September 27th, 1918. Aged 21.

IN MEMORIAM – PRIVATE

COKE - Dr. In memory of Harry and the dedicated service that he had given. J.

HAYES - 27th September 1969. Darling Diana, how we miss those joyful days of laughter and fun, your music and paintings. We will always remember your courage, spirit of adventure and moral strength. Love as always, Mummy, Daddy, Patricia and Pamela.

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DATED 27th September 1991

Signed, Powell & Sykes

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COMPANY NUMBER. 1281138

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IN THE MATTER OF DE LA MER LIMITED

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Registered Office: Albion Court, 5 Albion Place, Leeds, LS1 6JP

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A full list of the names and addresses of the company's creditors may be examined free of charge at the offices of Cork Gully, Cloth Hall Court, Infirmary Street, Leeds, between 10 am and 5 pm on the two business days prior to the date of this meeting.

Dated this 20th day of September 1991

By Order of the Board

P. McVeigh

Director

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Dated this 18th day of September 1991.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

C M PARTL DIRECTOR

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OBITUARY

Sir Yue-kong Pao,

C.B.E., LL.D., J.P.,

beloved husband of Sue-ing, father of Anna, Bessie, Cissy and Doreen, father-in-law of Helmut, Peter, Shinichiro and Edgar, and grandfather of Michele, Andreas and Philip Sohmen, Jacqueline, Jennifer and Douglas Woo, Kenzo and Tommy Watari, and Kristina and Stephen Cheng, peacefully on 23rd September 1991 at home, aged 73.

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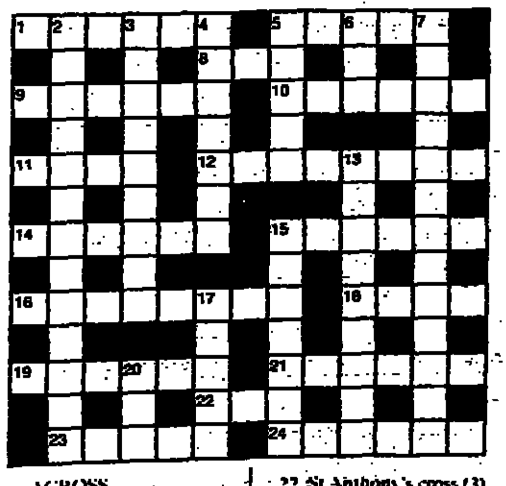

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1 Evening meal (6)
5 Dashes away (5)
8 One of several (3)
9 Lure (6)
10 Entitlements (6)
11 Quiet (4)
12 Intellectual (3,5)
14 Mick Jagger group (6)
15 Apparition (6)
16 Spellbind (8)
18 Summit (4)
19 Pledges (6)
21 Flood (6)
22 St Anthony's cross (3)
23 Chancy (5)
24 Spanish currency (6)

DOWN

2 Pure (13)
3 Acropolis temple (9)
4 TV audience figures (7)
5 Childe Harold poet (5)
6 Diary (3)
7 Defenceless person 7,6
13 Athens citadel (9)
15 Confused (5-2)
17 Stale (5)
20 Young goat (3)

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SEPT 27 **ON THIS DAY** 1887

The congress was held to mark the 50th anniversary of Sir Isaac Pitman's system of shorthand, coupled, nominally, with the tercentenary of the publication of the first work on the subject — Characterie, by Timothy Bright (1588). Lord Rosebery mentioned that 481 systems of shorthand had been recorded.

INTERNATIONAL SHORTHAND CONGRESS

This congress was opened in the theatre of the Geological Museum, Jermyn-street, St. James's, yesterday.

The Earl of Rosebery, who on rising to speak was much cheered, said — ... Compare what the state of shorthand writing was in the last century and what it is in this. To begin with, the absolute want of reporting at the commencement of the last century lost us the speeches of Bolingbroke, who is supposed by many, including Lord Chatham, to have been the greatest of English orators.

Well, then, it is quite true that the great debates which led to the fall of Sir Robert Walpole were ably and eloquently reported, but they came to us through the medium of Dr. Johnson, who, so far as we know, never for the purposes of reporting entered the House of Commons at all. (Laughter.) We all know the story of that dinner party where Dr. Francis, the translator of Demosthenes, extolled one of Lord Chatham's speeches as being superior to anything that Demosthenes ever composed, and when the torrent of eloquence had nearly expended itself a single burly voice was heard from the corner, "That speech," said Dr. Johnson, "I composed in a garret in Exeter-street." (Laughter.)

And he went on to relate that at one time he had never been but once in the House of Commons, but that the people who were connected with Cave the publisher, and Cave himself, had got the softer side of some of the door-keepers of the House of Commons, and in that way they were enabled to get the order of the speakers as they spoke, an outline of some of the arguments, and from that sketch of framework those animated and interesting debates that we read were composed by Dr. Johnson. Well, that is magnificent, as they said of the charge of Balaclava, but it is not reporting. (Cheers.)

Well, then, proceeding a little further in the history, not of shorthand but of reporting — for we must take reporting as a criterion of comparison, and not mere shorthand — there was Sir James Caldwell, who reported the debates of the Irish Parliament for some time. Sir James Caldwell was a man of memory, who was so impressed with the ability of the strenuous debates that he heard in the Irish House of Commons at that time that he felt constantly compelled to commit them to paper, and as he committed them to paper he found not merely that the order of the arguments came back, but even the words of the speakers themselves, so that, without any exercise of the art which we are this evening celebrating, he produced very creditable and excellent reports of the Irish debates of that time.

Then, and in the same category, we may put the reports of Sir Henry Cavendish, who from his place as a member of the House of Commons reported the debates of what is called the unreported Parliament, which he happily and secretly saved from that reproach. I believe that Sir Henry Cavendish did report in shorthand. I believe that he reported in what was then, and I believe is still, called the Gurney system of shorthand. (Cheers.) But as to that I cannot speak with any absolute certainty, though I believe it to be the case, but what I can say with absolute certainty is this, that the non-publication of Sir Henry Cavendish's reports is a great disgrace to us as a nation. We have only published one or two volumes. The publication leaves off in the middle of a sentence, and there are no fewer than 48 volumes pining for publication in the archives of the British Museum.

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country.

NEW RELEASES

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JACOB'S LADDER (18): A Vietnam vet (Tim Robbins) is trapped in demon visions and dreams. Fraught, over-fanciful thriller from the writer of Ghost and director Adrian Lyne.
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MEETING VENUS (12): Backstage dramas while staging *Tannhäuser* in Paris; adroitly observed, but lacking punch. Starring Niels Arestrup, Glenn Close; directed by István Szabó, produced by David Puttnam.
Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 8861) Plaza (071-497 9999) Screen on Baker Street (071-935 2772) Whiteleys (071-792 3332).

THE OBJECT OF BEAUTY (15): Michael Lindsay-Hogg's comic fable about needs and possessions in a ritzy London hotel. Visually thin, but pleasingly performed (John Malkovich, Andie MacDowell).
Curzon West End (071-439 4805) Screen on the Hill (071-435 3366).

A RAGE IN HARLEM (18): Buffoonery and violence in a comic-strip Harlem, from Chester Himes's novel; an unpleasant mix. Starring Forest Whitaker, Gregory Hines, Robin Givens. Director: Bill Duke.
Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Haymarket (071-839 1527) Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Odeon Kensington (0426 914666) Whiteleys (071-792 3332).

RHAPSODY IN AUGUST (U): Kurosawa's slender drama about coming to terms with the atomic bomb. Flashes of poetry among the talk: Richard Gere jets in briefly.
Curzon Mayfair (071-465 8865).

◆ **UNDER SUSPICION (18):** Liam Neeson as a private eye implicated in murder with a *femme fatale* (Laura San Giacomo). Silly British thriller set in Brighton, 1959.
Cannons: Panton Street (071-930 0631) Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) Marble Arch (071-723 2011)

CURRENT

ALICE (12): Woody Allen's comic fantasy about a Manhattan wife in crisis. Loose and flimsy, but with a marvellous performance from Mia Farrow.
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034).

◆ **CLOSE MY EYES (18):** Sexual games between brother and sister one long hot London summer, vividly portrayed by writer-director Stephen Poliakoff and an excellent cast (Saskia Reeves, Clive Owen, Alan Rickman).
Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) Cannon Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Chelsea Cinema (071-351 3742/3743).

PARIS TROUT (18): Dennis Hopper's redneck Southern racist stands accused of murder. Powerful, atmospheric drama from Pete Dexter's novel.
Premiere (071-439 4470).

◆ **PROSPERO'S BOOKS (15):** Peter Greenaway's variation on *The Tempest*, with John Gielgud's Prospero stalking Shakespeare's text through a jungle of eye-popping images. Brilliant but exhausting.
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) Gate (071-727 4043) Lumière (071-836 0691).

◆ **REGARDING HENRY (12):** Master of the Universe turns nice guy after suffering brain damage in a robbery. Skilful blend of the poignant and humorous from director Mike Nichols. Starring Harrison Ford, Annette Bening.
Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Plaza (071-497 9999) Whiteleys (071-792 3324).

◆ **STEPPING OUT (PG):** Lewis Gilbert's warm, spirited version of Richard Harris's play about would-be hoofers, with Julie Walters, Shelley Winters, and a Liza Minnelli star turn.
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TRULY, MADLY, DEEPLY (PG): Grieving Juliet Stevenson wills her late boyfriend (Alan Rickman) back to life. Endearingly humane drama; a directing debut for playwright Anthony Minghella.
Curzon Phoenix (071-240 9661) Notting Hill Coronet (071-727 6705) Odeon Kensington (0426 914666) Screen on Baker Street (071-935 2772).

TRUST (15): Rewarding astringent comedy about small-town American domesticity from rising director Hal Hartley. Deadpan performances from Adrienne Shelly and Martin Donovan.
Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Metro (071-437 0757).

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Jeremy Kingston's assessment of current theatre in London
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☐ **THE COUP:** Norman Beaton as a deposed president in Mustapha Matura's quirky study of Trinidad politics.
National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.30pm, mat tomorrow, 2.30pm. 145mins.

☐ **DANCING AT LUGHNASA:** New cast takes over in Brian Friel's Olivier memory-play set in 1930s Donegal.
Phoenix, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1044). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 150mins.

■ **HEDDA GABLER:** Fiona Shaw outstanding as Ibsen's spirited, doomed heroine in powerful Dublin Abbey Theatre production.
Playhouse, Northumberland Avenue, London WC2 (071-839 4401). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 240mins.

☐ **GOOD GOLLY MISS MOLLY:** Cheerful trip through Fifties and Sixties hits: flimsy plot but no matter.
Arts, Great Newport Street, WC2 (071-836 2132). Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri, Sat, 5.45pm and 8.20pm. 120mins.

☐ **HIPPOLYTOS:** Muted Janet Suzman in otherwise vivid Euripides puzzle-play about sexual desire.
Almeida, Almeida Street, N1 (071-359 4404). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 100mins.

■ **JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT:** Jason Donovan sports a golden wig for this gaudy, brash revival.
Palladium, Argyll Street, W1 (071-494 5037). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 135mins.

☐ **THE KNICKERS:** Carl Sternheim's deliriously funny comedy on sex and snobbery; well staged.
Lyric Hammersmith, King Street, W6 (081-741 2311). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm, Sat, 4pm. 140mins.

☐ **LONG DAY'S JOURNEY INTO NIGHT:** Timothy West, Prunella Scales in sound production of O'Neill's masterpiece of family guilt. Final performances.
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.30pm, mat tomorrow, 2.15pm. 200mins.

☐ **OUR TOWN:** Under-powered production of Thornton Wilder's play on small-town America.
Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 3pm. 135mins

☐ **THE PHILANTHROPIST:** Captivating performance by Edward Fox in Christopher Hampton's comedy.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 5pm.

◩ **THE RESISTIBLE RISE OF ARTURO UI:** Emphatically menacing "Hitler" portrait by Antony Sher in Di Trevis's strong production of Brecht.
National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.15pm, mat tomorrow, 2pm. 170mins.

◩ **THREE BIRDS ALIGHTING ON A FIELD:** Excellent Timberlake Wertenbaker play on the good in life and art: Harriet Walter leads a choice cast.
Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 205mins.

◩ **THUNDERBIRDS F.A.B. — THE NEXT GENERATION:** The cult stage version of cult television show, recently at the Mermaid Theatre, reopens in the West End.
Ambassadors, West Street, London WC2 (071-836 6111). Mon-Fri, 8.30pm, Fri, Sat, 5.30pm and 8.30pm. 140mins.

◩ **A TRIBUTE TO THE BLUES BROTHERS:** Lively parade of tuneful oldies. Good fun.
Whitehall, Whitehall, SW1 (071-867 1119). Mon-Thurs, 8.15pm, Fri, Sat, 6.15pm and 9pm. 120mins.

☐ **WHEN SHE DANCED:** Vanessa Redgrave unforgettable in Sherman's artful play about Isadora Duncan and the hazards of communication.
Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 135mins.

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WEEKEND EVENTS

THE MIKADO: Back in 1986 Jonathan Miller famously staged the Gilbert and Sullivan operetta in a glamourous Thirties "grand hotel", stripping away its Japanese veneer. Its enormous success (this is the third revival by English National Opera) makes it one of the most enduring productions in the company's repertoire. A strong cast includes an outstanding "song and dance" artist in the person of Bonaventura Bottone as Nanki-Poo, a role he created in the original staging, and mezzo-sopranos Anne Collins and Ann Howard alternating in the role of Katisha. James Holmes conducts.
Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (071-836 3161), tomorrow, 7.30pm.

RIGOLETTO: Nuria Espert's sombre production of Verdi's opera is given a commendable revival by the Royal Opera. A solid international cast (all three principal roles are sung by Italians) includes Matteo Manuguerra in the leading role, Mariella Devia as Gilda, and Giuseppe Sabbatini as the Duke of Mantua. High quality conducting from rising young British conductor Stan Edwards. Recommended.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (071-240 1066/1911), tomorrow, 7.30pm.

SIOBHAN DAVIES DANCE COMPANY: Leading British choreographer Siobhan Davies renews her creative partnership with American writer Gretel Ehrlich in her new piece *Arctic Heart*. Premiered at Swindon earlier this month, the work explores a trip to the frozen north with Ehrlich's words incorporated into John-Marc Gowans's score, describing reactions to intense cold or heat, and to continuous day or night. The music and the movement, together with David Buckland's set designs and Peter Mumford's lighting, make the spectator feel those reactions.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8800), tonight, 7.45pm.

NORTHERN BALLET THEATRE: Artistic director Christopher Gable has lifted the profile of Northern Ballet Theatre considerably since he joined the company in 1987. The company's new season opens at Wolverhampton performing his fresh reworking of *Don Quixote*, first staged in 1987. In collaboration with guest choreographer Michel Rahn, Gable has trimmed and improved his production, providing vigorously sweeping new dances and more drama.
Grand Theatre, Lichfield Street, Wolverhampton (0902 29212), tonight, 8pm, tomorrow, 2.30pm and 7.30pm.

GEORGIE FAME AND BEN SIDRAN: Although more lately seen on television commercials, Fame is best known as one of the leading lights of the rhythm and blues boom during the Sixties. For this one-off sing-a-long at the Café he teams up with American pianist and singer Ben Sidran.
Jazz Café, 15a Parkway, London NW1 (071-284 4358), tonight, 8.30pm.

MARILLION: The heavy-metal giants and the British leg of their European tour, touting a new album, *Holidays in Eden*.
Hammersmith Odeon, Queen Caroline Street, London W6 (081-748 4081), Sun, and September 30, 7.30pm.

ENGLISH CHAMBER ORCHESTRA: Considered to be one of the world's finest chamber orchestras, the ECO gives the first concert in the second part of the Barbican's imaginative Mozart 200 series, celebrating the Mozart bicentenary. Tonight's concert covers the music for the year 1782: Symphony in C, K409; Piano Concerto No 12 in A, K414 (with soloist Christoph Eschenbach); Serenade in C minor, K388; Symphony No 35 in D, K385. Eschenbach conducts.
Barbican, Silk Street, London EC2 (071-638 8891), tomorrow, 7.45pm.

ARDITTI STRING QUARTET: The formidable Arditti String Quartet opens the Almeida's new Sunday series of seven concerts devised by Yvar Mikhashoff reflecting German Experimental Tradition from 1921 to present day. Subtitled "The Schoenberg Tradition" the programme includes pieces by Mathias Spahlinger, Walter Zimmerman, Gerhard Staebler as well as Schoenberg.
Almeida Theatre, Almeida Street, London N1 (071-359 4404), Sun, 3pm.

ARTURO PIZARRO: The South Bank's popular International Piano Series returns with 1990 Leeds Piano Competition winner Arturo Pizarro performing an afternoon concert of works by Haydn (*Andante con variazioni* in F minor); Beethoven (Sonata in D, Op28); Debussy (*Pour le piano*); and Prokofiev (Sonata No 8 in A, Op 82).
Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8800), Sun, 3.45pm.

VISIONS OF JAPAN: Filling a space of approximately 20,000 sq ft, *Visions of Japan* is the centrepiece of the Japan festival, initiated by leading Japanese architect Arata Isozaki to represent the past, present and future of Japan.
Victoria and Albert Museum, Cromwell Road, London SW7 (071-938 8500). Mon-Sat, 10am-6pm, Sun, 2.30-6pm.

At the point of no return

THEATRE

Lady Day at Emerson's Bar and Grill
Riverside Studios

SHE was born Eleanore Fagan but while still a child she changed her name to Billie Holiday. And everyone knew her as Lady Day.

Emerson's was a place in south Philadelphia which she managed to play in the last months of her life, and Philadelphia the city that had made it easy for the police to refuse her a work licence by jailing her for possession of drugs. Perhaps the judge was outraged that the singer should appear before him, she a black woman, dressed in a fur coat.

A couple of recent plays have sought to give the bitter-sweet flavour of her life, as the greatest of jazz vocalists and the most hopeless judge of men. Lanie Robertson's play approaches it in a different way, a monologue with songs, imagining Lady Day struggling through a performance in 1959, the year of her death, interspersing a dozen of her songs with anecdotes or ruses to put off the next song until she feels ready to tackle it.

The backward look at a biography from somewhere near the point of no return is a well-tried formula for the showbiz portrait. The risk is that the biographical interludes will subside into a fairly underpowered link between the songs, but Robertson majestically avoids this hazard by creating the dynamic for what convincingly passes for an actual Billie Holiday performance.

His singer is Chris Calloway, daughter of the celebrated Cab, and she makes her first entrance haltingly, walking on from the back of the audience, hesitating as if not sure at all that she can manage the step up to the stage. A mike is waiting for her, and at the far side Darryl G. Ivey taking the role of Jimmy Powers, one of her last accompanists, and Roger Inniss as the bassist in the shadows.

I wish I could knowledgeably state how close Calloway's voice comes to resembling Holiday's and where and how differences show. But even without such details at my ear-tips I can relish the way she delicately isolates words in the Holiday manner, often in a phrase which ends in a word slurred for emotional emphasis. Or she does it the other way round: "I want to BE somebody's baby doll," with the "BE" deep and throaty, and the "baby doll" a perky sound accompanied by little-girl gestures.

Her giggles, sweet smiles, hunched shoulders, moments of vagueness, and sudden irritation when the piano tactfully recalls her to the business at hand, all these contribute to a convincing portrait of a great performer terribly battered but unbowed. It is a performance that can take in its stride a pestering moth and swot it against her dress. Halfway through, her rambling comments stray too far from home, but when she tells anecdotes of Southern racism the fury, humour and bitterness blend memorably to form a moving testament to a woman's grit and guts.

Almost every song tells of a woman's utter dependence on her man, a deeply unfashionable limitation; but that's the way she was and the voice catches a kind of pride in that vulnerability.

Directed by Martin L. Platt, the show comes from the Birmingham Rep, Alabama, and journeys next month to the Birmingham Rep, West Midlands, as part of an enterprising swop between the two companies. Other twin cities please note.

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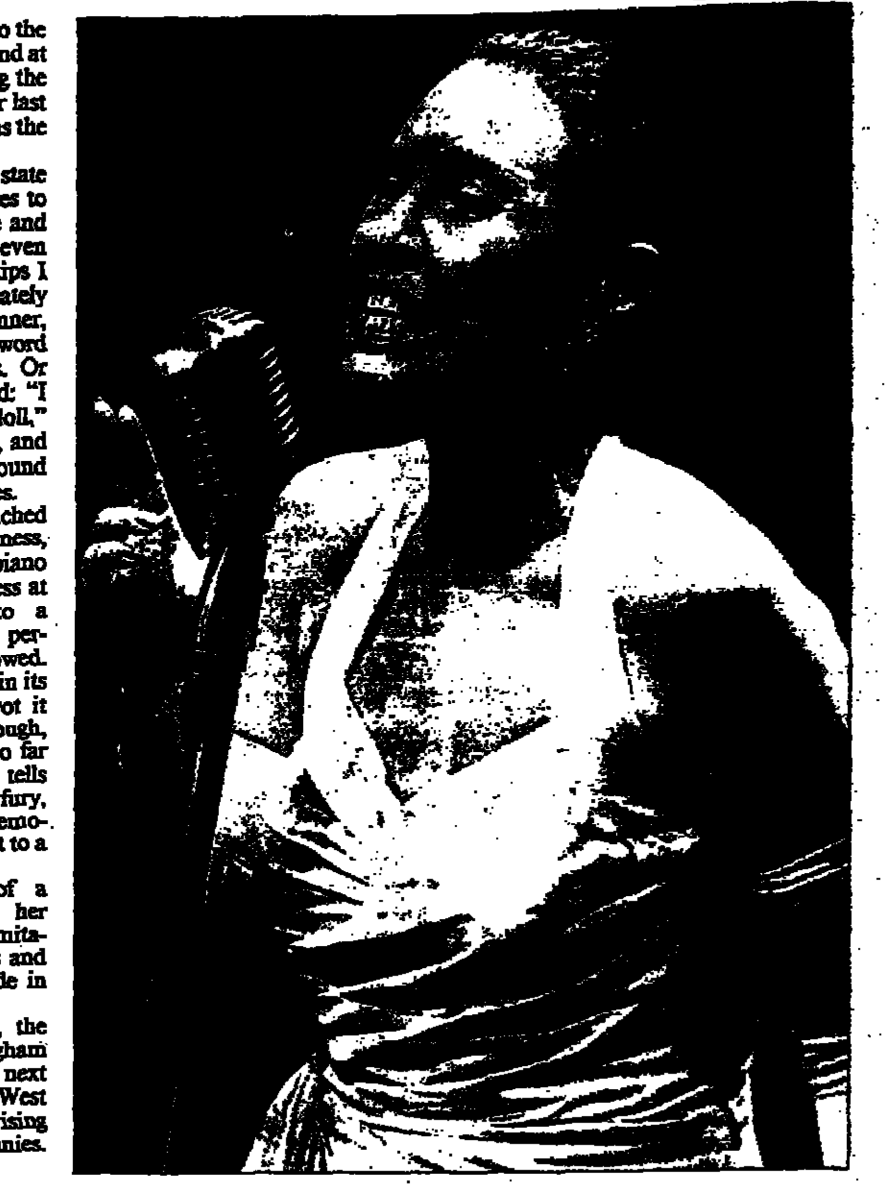

Battered but unbowed: Chris Calloway as Billie Holiday in her final days

OPERA

Cosi/Bartered Bride
Grand Opera House, Belfast

THEY'RE all the same, male and female, masters and servants: the feminine case ending in this Cosi fan tutte seems more irrelevant than ever. Opera Northern Ireland's new production is played entirely in praise of folly. While the overture plays, the names of Enlightenment worthies from Swift to Mesmer, Hegel to Bentham, are listed on the front curtain: at the end, a huge pyramid engraved with the word "Ratio" looms as backdrop.

This is the other side of *The Magic Flute's* coin. Contemporary moralistic tags, exhortations and similes are mercilessly and relentlessly undercut by the toy-theatre cut-outs of Rieks Swarte's artfully economic designs. (And in a company which operates a budget tighter than almost all its mainland counterparts, this was doubtless relished all round.)

A cardboard phoenix on a pole, cardboard rifles for a scruffy civilian army, folded newspaper ships, and a stencil cut-out banquet: only in the presence of a life-size elephant, richly decked in scarlet and silver as part of the Albanians' retinue, did the slightest hint of extravagance lumber in.

Director Javier López Piñon (despite his name, one of artistic director Kenneth Montgomery's Amsterdam discoveries) answers this visual absurdity with a full range of histrionic gestures. Each character unremittingly caricatures his or her emotional state, with Dorabella in particular all but deranged.

The production makes its "point" and offers an evening of good fun. But it inevitably reduces Mozart's and Da Ponte's rich counterpoint of ambiguities to a simple two-part dialogue of stage versus pit. For in the pit, the Ulster Orchestra under Kenneth Montgomery gives a sweet, lightly-breathed account of the score, brisk enough to catch the breath of the opera's sighs and goodbyes, tender enough to phrase and ornament with true affection. Here, emotional life is for real.

The cast is similarly lean and light-voiced, with a youthful and elegant male trio in Philip Sheffield (a slightly uneasy Ferrando), Johannes Mannov (Guglielmo) and Huub Claessens (Don Alfonso). Sylvie Valayre as Fiordiligi and Cynthia Buchan as Dorabella manage to retain dignity of musical style amid their physical histrionics: Linda Ormiston as Despina does not.

Cosi is paired this season with a somewhat more familiar Bartered Bride. The sense of *déjà vu* comes from the set, based on Welsh National Opera's great earthy barn interior; the direction, by Mike Ashman, is new.

Ashman resists the temptation to be over-busy, over-folksy, and makes the most of Opera Northern Ireland's enthusiastic amateur chorus to offset some piquant individual characterisations. Christopher Gillett's Vasek, a masterly and sympathetic study of mental and physical gaucheness, all but steals the show. Jenik (Gordon Wilson) falls behind vocally, and at times Philip Joll's jovial Kecal can also sound strained.

Nova Thomas gives the production an appealing, all-American view of the heroine, Marenka, looking and sounding for all the world as if she were about to launch into "Somewhere over the rainbow". With Howard Williams bringing to Smetana both bite and bounce, and with some diverting antics from the Belfast Community Circus School, skies are indeed blue.

HILARY FINCH

THEATRE

The Hammer
Battersea Arts Centre

THE Treasure, The Murderer, The Architect and His Assistant. The latest offering from the company Red Shift has the illusory oral and narrative complexity of a Peter Greenaway film. The sloping stage with a section of floor tilted in the opposite direction and its variously coloured slabs shaded like a row of steps immediately evokes the ambiguity of a drawing by Escher, a juggling with dimensions, a deceptive journey to a point further back than where you started from.

The piece was conceived as a film; a dove-tailing of past and present, a Tudor mystery that culminates in bloodshed, and modern-day characters swept up in the current of history to echo the tragedy. Jonathan Holloway, writer and director, keeps the film directions, given mainly to two violinists who emerge from their music stands to take the occasional role but whose principal function is to set each scene, heralded by a screenplay's "cut to".

The production has its stylistic cake and eats it. While the cast switches between centuries and sets of characters with the quick addition of wings, coats or hats, the narrators also tell us what to think. "There is unexpected comedy in Skinner's sturdy bulk being helped by the wraith-like boatman," we are told, in case we missed it. And "their isolation makes us feel uneasy" produces emotion to order. Sometimes this ironic detachment is deliberate, as when the narration remarks "cut to the bird's eye view" and the cast flaps its collective arms. Sometimes it seems a mere cop-out. The descriptive spoken word's predominance suggests a radio work uneasily transplanted to the stage.

This is unfair on the vigorously physical production, with its actors hunched, grimacing and strutting as they conjure up mysteriously hidden monastic treasure, the gold-obsessed cleric and the noble family that is almost wiped out by his passion; unfair also on Iona McLeish's design with the trap doors, grilles and flaps that ring the changes on the acting space; and on the director's own evocative lighting design.

But the impression that remains is a paradox: an over-wordy play performed by actors who are awful at speaking lines. The fault lies partly with the production. The Elizabethan aristocrats talk with the stap-my-vitals accents of Georgette Heyer's Regency bucks, evoking quite the wrong period, and the modern plot takes us into the over-tilled and now unyielding field of Hampstead, failed marriage, infidelity and professional inadequacy. But mainly the actors are responsible, with a delivery stilted beyond the cause of stylisation, as if each player has learnt his lines alone with no reference to the others in the dialogue. The play needs a hard-headed executive producer to knock out the self-indulgence.

MARTIN HOYLE

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WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 18

KORO
(c) The hysterical belief in the Far East that one's penis is shrinking. This psychological epidemic sweeps across the East every ten years or so, so that men wear bamboo contraptions to keep their genitalia from disappearing into their abdomens while they sleep.

TOCHER
(b) A dowry that a wife brings to her husband, from the Gaelic *tochar* a marriage portion in the Highlands of Scotland: "Now Dido may be tied to Trojan mate,/ And thou receive in tocher Carthage great."

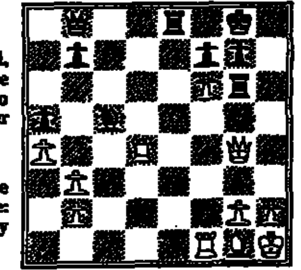
DISSEPIMENT
(b) A partition in some part or organ, for example the ovary, from the Latin *dissaepire* to separate: "The muscular dissepiments dividing the body into compartments."

SEMSEM
(c) Sesame, from the Arabic *simsim*, probably an adaptation of the Greek *sesamon*: "An interminably long stretch of durrha cultivation appears, varied by semsem plants."

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

Today's problem is from the game Britton — Cooper, British Championship, Eastbourne 1991. Here white concluded the game with a powerful combination. Can you see what he played?



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BBC 1

6.00 Ceefax 6.30 Breakfast News

9.05 Perfect Strangers. American comedy series **9.30 Countrymen.** A portrait of John Cubby, senior wildlife ranger of Grizedale forest, the largest man-made forest in Cumbria (r)

10.00 News, regional news and weather **10.05 Playdays.** For the very young **10.25 Bump** (r) **10.35 Major Dad.** American comedy (r)

11.00 News, regional news and weather **11.05 High Chaparral.** Vintage western adventures (r) **11.55 Reviving Antiques.** Cleaning a silver purse and a tortoiseshell snuff box

12.00 News, regional news and weather **12.05 Australia's Animal Mysteries.** A documentary about Australia's weird and wonderful animal life **12.55** Regional news and weather

1.00 One O'Clock News and weather **1.30 Neighbours.** (Ceefax) (s)

1.50 Sport on Friday introduced by Helen Rollason. Golf: live coverage of the opening holes of the foursomes in the Ryder Cup match between the United States and Europe; Racing from Ascot: the A.F. Budge Ltd Stakes (2.00). Golf and racing continue on BBC2

2.15 Film: Magee and the Lady (1978) starring Tony Lo Bianco and Sally Kellerman. Comedy drama about an impoverished Australian freighter skipper who kidnaps the daughter of the man who threatens to repossess his ship. Directed by Gene Levitt

3.50 Pingu. Cartoon **3.55 The Little Green Planet Show.** The third of a six-part children's science series (s) **4.10 The Legend of Prince Valiant.** A new animated adventure series about a young prince searching for the magical castle of Camelot (s) **4.35 Record Breakers.** A new series begins with Status Quo on a live rock marathon, strongman Russ Bradley and Britain's first astronaut, Helen Sharman. Presented by Roy Castle and Cheryl Baker

5.00 Newsround 5.10 Grange Hill. Episode six (r). (Ceefax) (s)

5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s). Northern Ireland: Inside Ulster

6.00 Six O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Moira Stuart. Weather

6.30 Regional News magazines. Northern Ireland: Neighbours

7.00 Wogan. Tonight's guests include Gary Webster of *Minder* and Griff Rhys Jones. Music is provided by Belinda Carlisle

7.35 Harry and the Hendersons. Ridiculous new comedy series about a family and a lovable hairy monster. Based on the Disney film *Bigfoot and the Hendersons*. Starring Bruce Davison, Molly Cheek and the 7ft 2in tall Kevin Peter Hall, who died earlier this summer. (Ceefax). Northern Ireland: Sportscene

8.00 The Russ Abbot Show. Another selection of comedy sketches. (Ceefax) (s)

8.30 On the Up. Tame comedy series starring Dennis Waterman as a self-made millionaire. (Ceefax) (s)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather

9.30 Casualty. The realistic medical drama series continues with the Holby City hospital regulars working on two children who nearly died of suffocation after being trapped in a dumped refrigerator while playing. (Ceefax) (s)

Calling the literary shots: novelist Don DeLillo (10.20pm)

10.20 Omnibus: Don DeLillo — the Word, the Image and the Gun.
● CHOICE: Kim Evans's filmed essay about an American novelist who is obsessed by violent images and what they can do to the soul of a 20th century culture like his, is dazzlingly, nay blindingly, assembled. The camera assumes an adversarial role. It is as much a weapon as the guns that feature so strongly in DeLillo's writing. Therefore, there are two ways of interpreting it when we talk of Evans's scenes being shot. More than one viewing of this film will be necessary for those viewers who simply can't keep up with what DeLillo is thinking, writing, and seeing. It takes time to digest statements like "Stalking a victim is a way of organising one's loneliness, making a network out of it" or "I knew I must extend myself until the molecules parted and I was spliced into the image". In his book *Mao II*, a character says "Keep it simple". Was DeLillo paying attention at the time? Northern Ireland: A Time to Dance

11.10 Film: Fear is the Key (1973) starring Barry Newman, Suzy Kendall, John Vernon and, in his screen début, Ben Kingsley. Thriller based on an Alistair MacLean novel about a man who seeks revenge for the murder of his wife and son. Directed by Michael Tuchner. (Ceefax) Northern Ireland: Omnibus 12.00-1.50am Film: J. Edgar Hoover **12.50am Weather**

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BBC 2

6.45 Open University: Quantum Leaps Into the Atom. Ends at **7.10**

8.00 News

8.15 Travel Show UK Mini Guides. What to do and what to see in the Lyme Regis area of Dorset

8.20 English Journey. Novelist and playwright Beryl Bainbridge continues her tour of England in the footsteps of J.B. Priestley with visits to Bradford, the Yorkshire Dales and Leeds (r)

9.00 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes

2.00 News and weather followed by **Words and Pictures.** Reading for five to seven-year-olds

2.15 Sport on Friday continued from BBC1, presented by Helen Rollason. Steve Rider introduces live coverage of the opening foursomes of the Ryder Cup between the United States and Europe from South Carolina. The commentators are Peter Alliss and Bruce Critchley. Plus racing from Ascot. The Japan Festival Charity Cup (2.30); the PCL Japan Society Stakes (3.05); and the Ewar Stud Farms Stakes for Apprentices (3.40). The commentators are Peter O'Sullevan, Julian Wilson and Jimmy Lindley. Includes news and weather at **2.55** and **3.50**

5.30 Top Gear. Jeremy Clarkson test drives the new Mazda MX-3; Chris Goffey looks into some of the complaints viewers have sent in about their new cars; and Tony Mason learns how the cars and drivers coped with the Pirelli classic marathon (r)

6.00 Thunderbirds: Pit of Peril. Gerry Anderson's cult classic puppet adventures. In this exciting episode, International Rescue are summoned to help a revolutionary new army transport vehicle that has disappeared into a massive, burning pit. (Ceefax)

6.50 Supersense: Seeing Sense. This second in the six-part documentary series looking at the world from animals' point of view features a vulture using its magnified vision; a lion as it sets a wildebeest in its sights; and a fish that can see above and below water simultaneously (r). (Ceefax)

7.20 Bilko (b/w) starring Phil Silvers. The opportunist sergeant passes up the chance to have dinner on a fishing boat for a *soirée* at a millionaire's mansion where he hopes to strike up an acquaintance with a wealthy socialite (r)

7.45 What the Papers Say. Joe Joseph of *The Times* examines how the national press has treated the week's news

Design on a low-maintenance garden: Geoff Hamilton (8.00pm)

8.00 Gardeners' World. Includes the team designing and creating a low-maintenance garden for families of children receiving treatment for cancer. They are staying in a house providing self-contained accommodation in a Victorian suburb of Birmingham. With Geoff Hamilton, Dr Stefan Buczacki, Nigel Colborn, Anne Swithinbank and Pippa Greenwood

8.30 Golf: The Ryder Cup. Further coverage of the first day's action from the Kiawah Island course, South Carolina, introduced by Steve Rider

10.30 Newsnight with Jeremy Paxman

11.15 Golf. More coverage of the Ryder Cup between the United States and Europe from South Carolina

12.00 Weather

12.05am Film: Early Summer (1951, b/w) starring Setsuko Hara, Chishu Ryu and Kuniko Miyake. The story, part of the *Made in Japan* season, of a 28-year-old woman living with her aged parents and her brother's family who decides to marry for love rather than wed any of the suitors proposed by her family. A subtle and humorous account of everyday Japanese life, directed by Yasujiro Ozu. Ends at **2.15**

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ITV

6.00 TV-am

9.25 Runway. Quiz game show with holidays as prizes, presented by Richard Madeley **9.55 Thames News** and weather

10.00 The Time . . . the Place . . . Topical discussion series chaired by John Stapleton

10.40 This Morning. Family magazine hosted by husband and wife team Judy Finnigan and Richard Madeley. Today's edition includes vegetarian meal ideas, fashion, make-up and hair styling tips, and a layman's guide to odd jobs around the house. With national and international news at **10.55** and regional news at **11.55** followed by national weather

12.10 Rainbow. Puppet series for children

12.30 News with John Suchet. Weather **1.10 Thames News** and weather

1.20 Home and Away. Australian family drama serial. (Oracle) **1.50 A Country Practice.** Medical drama serial set in the Australian outback (s)

2.20 A Problem Aired. Viewers' emotional problems discussed by experts **2.50 Give Us a Clue.** Celebrity charades game hosted by Michael Parkinson. This afternoon the regular team captains, Lionel Blair and Liza Goddard, are joined by Lynda Bellingham, Tim Brooke-Taylor, Windsor Davies, Angela Rippon, Michaela Strachan and Jack Tinker (s)

3.15 ITN News headlines **3.20 Thames News** headlines **3.25 The Young Doctors.** Australian medical drama serial

3.55 The Raggy Dolls. Animated adventures of a group of reject toys **4.05 Victor and Hugo.** Comic adventures of a pair of incompetent French crooks (s) **4.30 Knightmare.** Four Kent schoolboys tackle the puzzles and perils of the computer-generated dungeon **5.00 Cartoon.** Daffy Duck in *Duck Amuck*

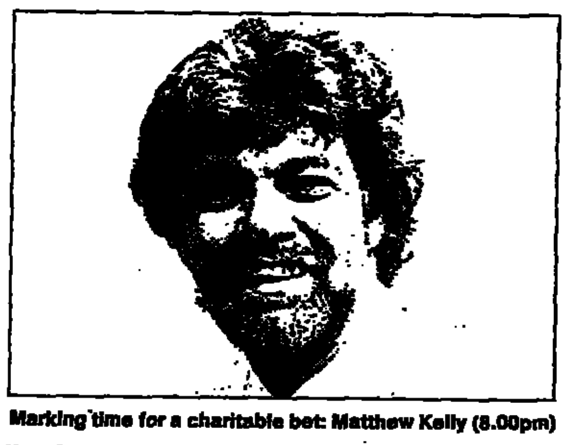
5.10 Home and Away (r). (Oracle)

5.40 News with Carol Barnes

5.55 6 O'Clock Live presented by Nick Owen. This week's guests include Mel Brooks, David Essex and the cast of *London's Burning*. Followed by **LWT Weather**

7.00 The $64,000 Question. Money-making game show hosted by Bob Monkhouse (s)

7.30 Coronation Street. (Oracle)



Marking time for a charitable bet: Matthew Kelly (8.00pm)

8.00 You Bet! Matthew Kelly introduces another selection of odd wagers for charity. The celebrity guests are Diane Keen, Willie Thorne and Timmy Mallett (s)

9.00 The Trials of Rosie O'Neill. Courtroom drama series starring Sharon Gless as a lawyer who gave up a lucrative private practice to serve as a public defender. Tonight she defends a woman accused of murdering her daughter over drugs. (Oracle) (s)

10.00 News at Ten with Julia Somerville and Trevor McDonald. (Oracle) Weather **10.35 LWT News** and weather

10.40 The London Programme. In the first of a two-part transport report, Trevor Phillips investigates the future for the M25. Transport secretary Malcolm Rifkind is asked about the government's plans to deal with the traffic congestion on the capital's orbital motorway

11.10 Beauty and Beast. The last in the fantasy drama series about an attractive New York lawyer and her half man/half beast minder

12.45am Adventure. More man-made spills and thrills

1.05 Rescue 911. William Shatner introduces another selection of tales of heroism involving ordinary members of the public

2.05 American Gladiators. Trials of strength and guile for both sexes

3.00 CinemAttractions. The latest news from Hollywood, presented by Charlie Tuna

3.30 Raw Power. Rock videos (s)

4.35 Garrison's Gorillas. American drama series from the 1960s about a group of irregular soldiers operating during the second world war, starring Ron Harper

5.30 ITN Morning News with Tim Neilson. Ends at **6.00**

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CHANNEL 4

6.00 Channel 4 Daily 9.25 Schools

12.00 Broken Silence. The Spanish natural history series continues with a survey of the catastrophic effect that human activity has had on the animal kingdom (r)

12.30 Business Daily 1.00 Sesame Street (r)

2.00 Art of the Western World. The fifth of Michael Wood's 19-part series tracing the history and development of western art. Today he examines the early Renaissance years (r)

2.30 Film: Dottie (1987) starring Elizabeth Franz. A compelling drama about a widowed New Yorker who has been agoraphobic since the death of her husband. She is forced out into the world when she learns that her estranged sister is seriously ill with leukaemia. Directed by David Gelfand

4.05 Bigger is Better. Derek Philips's animated comment on creeping urbanisation

4.15 Countdown. Richard Whiteley presents the final of the 22nd series of the words and numbers game (s)

5.00 The Encircled Sea. This sixth in the ten-part series on the Mediterranean and the people who live around it describes the achievements of the sea's navigators (r). (Teletext)

5.30 I Love Lucy (b/w). Vintage 1950s comedy starring Lucille Ball

6.00 Roseanne. Bluecollar comedy starring the rotund Roseanne Barr and the equally obese John Goodman

6.30 sixthirtysomething. With Glenn Close, Liam Neeson, Chesney Hawkes and Paul Young

7.00 Channel 4 News with Nicholas Owen and Zeinab Badawi. (Teletext) Weather **7.50 First Reaction.** Derek Hatton reviews the latest Labour party political broadcast

8.00 Brookside. Soap set in suburban Merseyside. (Teletext) (s)

8.30 Anton Mosimann — Naturally.
● CHOICE: The concluding image in Mosimann's guide to making the most of European cheeses is almost indecently mouthwatering. After 18 minutes in the oven, out it comes — a cross between a crown and a cottage loaf, all golden magnificence, with a crust so light that when a section is prised away, you would think it would float off like a feather. It is beyond belief that such an inspired creation is prosaically classified as a cheese soufflé! In comparison, almost all the other cheese dishes we see being prepared tonight — every one would be a minor masterpiece in any other food programme — look tedious, with the possible exception of the spinach salad with goats' cheese and the lemon-cheese snow served as a dessert. A useful tip offered tonight: if you find the smell of cheese overpowering, light a couple of candles. Apparently, it works wonders. (Teletext)

9.00 Cheers. Enduring comedy series set in a Boston bar (r). (Teletext)

9.30 Garden Club. This last programme in the series travels to the Bath area to compare two small town gardens and to learn how to cope with an invasion of honey fungus

10.00 Dream On. Unusual American comedy starring Brian Benben. (Teletext) (s)

10.35 The Best of the Paul Hogan Show. More antipodean humour (r)

11.05 The Happening. Jools Holland introduces Squeeze songwriters Glenn Tilbrook and Chris Difford, Julian Clary and Eartha Kitt (s)

12.05am One Night Stand. Comedy impressionist Kevin Pollack on stage in San Francisco

Experimenting in miniaturisation: Albert Dekker, right (12.35am)

12.35 Film: Dr Cyclops (1940).
● CHOICE: Miniaturisation of the human being has now become a sophisticated commonplace in the cinema, but it had the one-and-nines quaking with astonishment half a century ago when Ernest B. Schoedsack, who had directed *King Kong* eight years earlier and was therefore no stranger to the physically abnormal, made this thriller about a mad scientist (Albert Dekker) who, not content with shrinking his victims down to 14 inches, does his damnedest to get rid of them altogether. Even with his bald head and what one could see of his mad eyes behind pebble-lens spectacles, Dekker whose screen reputation was established with this film but developed disappointingly, was not in the same league as the great monsters of the 1930s, and his dirty deeds as Dr Cyclops seem tame these days. The record books say that *Dr Cyclops* was the first horror film to be shot in Technicolor. This is half-correct. It was not a horror film. Ends at **2.00**

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As London except: 2.20pm-2.50 The Absolute Beginner's Guide to Cookery 5.10-5.40 Heidi 6.00 Home and Away 6.25-7.00 Anglia News 10.40 The Young Riders 11.40 Speedway 12.35 Elvis: Good Rockin' Tonight 1.05-2.05 Magnum

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As London except: 2.20pm-2.50 The Absolute Beginner's Guide to Cookery 6.00 Lookaround Friday 6.30-7.00 Take the High Road 10.40 Sport In Question 11.40 In the Heat of the Night 12.35 Married...with Children 1.05 Almost Grown 1.55 Sledge Hammer 2.25 Night Beat 3.25 CinemAttractions 3.50 Film: Blondie Brings Up Baby* 5.00-5.30 Night Flight

CENTRAL

As London except: 2.20pm-2.50 The Absolute Beginner's Guide to Cookery 5.10-5.40 This Is America, Charlie Brown 6.00 Home and Away 6.25-7.00 Central News 10.40 Central Weekend 12.10 Prisoner: Cell Block H 1.05 Film: Hell on Frisco Bay 3.00 The Hit Man and Her 5.00-5.30 Central Jobfinder '91

GRANADA

As London except: 2.20pm-2.50 The Absolute Beginner's Guide to Cookery 5.10-5.40 The Munsters Today 6.00 Home and Away 6.30-7.00 Granada Tonight 10.40 Granada Up Front 11.40 In the Heat of the Night 12.35 Alfred Hitchcock Presents 1.05 Almost Grown 1.55 Sledge Hammer 2.25 Night Beat 3.25 CinemAttractions 3.50 Film: Blondie Brings Up Baby* 5.00-5.30 Night Flight

HTV WEST

As London except: 1.50pm The Young Doctors 2.20-2.50 Yan Can Cook 3.25-3.55 A Country Practice 6.00 HTV News 6.30-7.00 HTV Sportsweek 10.40 The Wurzels 11.10-1.05 Film: The Wicked Lady

HTV WALES

As HTV West except: 6.00pm Wales at Six 6.30-7.00 Stopwatch 10.40 Pod 3 — In at the Deep End 11.25 Terrorvision 11.40-1.05 Strongroom

TSW

As London except: 2.20pm-2.50 The Sullivans 3.25-3.55 Home and Away 5.10-5.40 Gardens for All 6.00 TSW Today 6.30-7.00 The Absolute Beginner's Guide to Cookery 10.40 Film: In the Glitter Palace 12.35 Vietnam: The Ten Thousand Day War 1.05 Almost Grown 1.55 Sledge Hammer 2.25 Night Beat 3.25 CinemAttractions 3.50 Film: Blondie Brings Up Baby* 5.00-5.30 Night Flight

TVS

As London except: 2.20pm-2.50 The Absolute Beginner's Guide to Cookery 3.25-3.55 Sons and Daughters 6.00 Coast to Coast 6.50-7.00 Police 5 10.40 This Way Out 11.10-1.05 Film: The Return of Ben Casey

TYNE TEES

As London except: 6.00pm Northern Life 6.30-7.00 The Powerhouse 10.40 Shaun Prendergast is Sinful 11.10 Film: They Made Him a Criminal 1.05 Almost Grown 1.55 Sledge Hammer 2.25 Night Beat 3.25 Cinemattractions 3.50 Film: Blondie Brings Up Baby* 5.00-5.30 Night Flight

ULSTER

As London except: 3.25-3.55 Check It Out 6.00 Six Tonight 6.30-7.00 Glenroe 10.40 Kelly 12.05 Prisoner: Cell Block H 1.05 Almost Grown 1.55 Sledge Hammer 2.25 Night Beat 3.25 Cinemattractions 3.50 Film: Blondie Brings Up Baby* 5.00-5.30 Night Flight

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 1.55pm An Invitation to Remember (Sir Anthony Quayle) 2.20-2.50 The Absolute Beginners Guide to Cookery 6.00 Calendar 6.30-7.00 Who's Into 10.40 Film: A Short Walk to Daylight 12.05 Tour of Duty 1.05 Married...with Children 1.35 The Funny Farm II 2.05 Bhangra Beat 2.35 Zara Dhyan Dein 2.40-5.30 Film: Baaghi

S4C

Starts: 6.00am C4 Daily 9.25 Schools 12.00 Elements 12.30 Newyddion 12.40 Slot Meithrin 1.00 Countdown 1.30 Business Daily 2.00 In Search of Scotland's Larder 2.30 Film: Dottie (Elizabeth Franz, Betty Miller) 4.05 The Three Stooges* 4.25 Slot 23 5.00 My Two Dads 5.30 Brookside 6.00 Newyddion 6.10 Heno 7.00 Pobol Y Cwm 7.30 Cefn Gwlad 8.30 Newyddion 8.55 Sbectrum 9.30 Short Stories 10.00 Dream On 10.35 The Best of the Paul Hogan Show 11.05 The Happening 12.05 One Night Stand 12.35 Film: Dr Cyclops (Albert Dekker) 2.00 Diwedd

RTE 1

Starts: 1.00pm News 1.40 Fair Play 1.55 Kitchen Garden 2.10 The Heritage of the Guldenburgs 3.00 Live at Three 4.00 News followed by Sons and Daughters 4.30 The Forsyte Saga 5.20 Out of Limits 5.30 The Sullivans 6.00 The Angelus 6.01 Six-One 7.00 Yin Helen 7.05 The Marshall Chronicles 7.35 Major Dad 8.00 The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes: The Creeping Man 9.00 News 9.30 The Late Late Show 11.35 News followed by Shannon's Deal 12.35am Close

NETWORK 2

Starts: 2.30pm Bosco 3.00 The Den 5.15 The Nissan International Classic 6.05 Get Smart 6.30 Home and Away 7.00 Nuacht 7.08 Cursai 7.30 Coronation Street 8.00 News followed by Surgical Spirit 8.30 News followed by Ryder Cup Golf and The Nissan International Classic 1.15am Close

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
8.00am The DJ Kat Show 8.40 Mrs Pepperpot 8.55 Playabout 9.10 Cartoons 9.30 Mr Ed 10.00 The Lucy Show 10.30 The Young Doctors 11.00 The Bold and the Beautiful 11.30 The Young and the Restless 12.30pm Barnaby Jones 1.30 Another World 2.20 Santa Barbara 2.45 Wife of the Week 3.15 The Brady Bunch 3.45 The DJ Kat Show 5.00 Diff'rent Strokes 5.30 Bewitched 6.00 Family Ties 6.30 Sale of the Century 7.00 Love at First Sight 7.30 Growing Pains 8.00 Riptide 9.00 Hunter 10.00 WWF Superstars of Wrestling 11.00 Friday Fright Night Feature: Are You in the House Alone? (1978) 1.00am Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. News on the hour.
5.00am Sunrise 5.30 Newsline 6.00 Sunrise 9.30 Dayline 10.30 Those Were The Days 11.00 International Business Report 11.30 Dayline 12.30pm CBS News 2.30 Our World 3.30 Our World — The Countryside Show 4.30 Those Were The Days 5.00 Live at Five 5.30 Newsline 7.00 Sky World News Tonight 8.30 Those Were The Days 9.00 Sky World News Tonight 10.30 Newsline 11.30 CBS News 12.30am Newsline 1.30 CBS News 2.30 Holiday Destinations 3.30 Our World 4.30 Those Were The Days

SKY MOVIES+

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.00am Showcase, incl 8.40 Entertainment Tonight
10.00 Options (1988): A Hollywood agent travels to Africa to obtain the movie rights to the story of a jungle princess
12.00 Anything to Survive (1990): A father and his three children are shipwrecked off the Alaskan coast
2.00pm Dream Chasers (1985): An old man and a young boy travel to Wyoming, former home of Butch Cassidy
4.00 Iron Eagle II (1988): Louis Gossett Jr leads a joint US/Soviet mission to destroy a weapons centre in the Middle East
5.40 Entertainment Tonight
6.00 Big Man on Campus (1990): A hunchback descends from his college belltower to woo a student
8.00 Johnny Handsome (1989): Mickey Rourke stars as a physically deformed petty crook, whose appearance is transformed by extensive plastic surgery
9.40 US Top Ten
10.00 Society (1989): Surreal horror film about a teenager (Billy Warlock) who suspects something unpleasant is lurking beneath the surface of Beverly Hills society
11.40 Steel Dawn (1987): A loner (Patrick Swayze) comes to the rescue of a damsel-in-distress (played by his wife, Lisa Niemi)
1.50am The Krays (1990): Spandau Ballet's Gary and Martin Kemp star as the notorious East London gangsters the Kray twins
4.00 Dead Heat (1988): A dead cop and his living partner team up to investigate why corpses are rising from the dead to carry out violent crimes. Starring Joe Piscopo, Treat Williams and Vincent Price. Ends at 5.25

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.15am Xanadu (1980): Musical fantasy starring Olivia Newton-John and Gene Kelly
8.15 Play It Cool (1962): A rock group comes to the aid of a poor little rich girl
10.15 Design for Living (1933, b/w): Love triangle starring Gary Cooper, Fredric March and Miriam Hopkins
12.15pm The Big Night (1951): A rebellious teenager searches for the man who beat up his father
2.15 Cobra Verde (1987): Slave trader Klaus Kinski and an army of female warriors wage battle with an African king
4.15 The Tadpole and the Whale: Children's cartoon
6.10 Always (1989): Aerial firefighter Richard Dreyfuss dies in a crash and returns in spirit to watch over girlfriend Holly Hunter
8.15 The Image (1990): Albert Finney stars as a ruthless news anchorman
11.00 Extremities (1986): Farrah Fawcett turns the tables on a would-be rapist
12.50am Shirley Valentine (1989): Pauline Collins stars as the Liverpudlian housewife who finds romance with Tom Conti on a Greek island
2.20 Hanussen (1989): An Austrian psychic (Klaus Maria Brandauer) aids the Nazi's during their rise to power
4.20 Flowers in the Attic (1987): Gothic horror tale in which four children are held prisoner in an attic. Starring Louise Fletcher and Victoria Tennant. Ends at 5.50

SKY SPORTS

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.30am Aerobics 7.00 Netbusters 7.30 European Football Round-Up 8.30 NFL Follies 9.00 Aerobics 9.30 NFL Today 10.30 Aerobics 11.00 Torque 12.00 Netbusters 12.30pm European League Football Round-Up 1.30 Kick-Boxing 2.30 Australian Rules Football 4.30 NFL Today 5.30 Motor World 6.00 Sky Soccer Weekend 7.00 Live German Football 9.00 Superbouts 10.00 Sky Soccer Weekend 11.00 Watersports World 12.00 German Football

EUROSPORT

● Via the Astra satellite.
1.00pm Ryder Cup Golf; Tennis 6.30 Eurosport News 7.00 Sailing 7.30 Ryder Cup Golf 10.00 Boxing 11.00 Eurosport News

SCREENSPORT

● Via the Astra satellite.
7.00am Eurobics 7.30 Sport de France 8.00 Pro Superbike 8.30 College Football 9.30 Eurobics 10.00 IHRA Drag Racing 11.00 International Tennis 1.00pm Nascar Motor Sport 2.00 World Championship Snooker 3.00 FIA European Truck Racing 4.00 Argentine Soccer 5.00 Stop-Battle of Monster Trucks 6.00 International Volleyball 7.00 Action Auto 7.30 Gillette World Sport Special 8.00 Goi 9.00 US Pro Box 10.00 Inside Track 11.00 International Speedway 12.00 International Basketball 1.00am Major League Baseball 3.00 All Japan F3000 Championships 4.00 Sport de France 4.30 World Snooker Classics 6.30 British Formula 3 Championships

LIFESTYLE

● Via the Astra satellite.
10.00am The Great American Gameshows 11.15 Coffee Break 11.20 Everyday Workout 11.50 Simply Marvellous 12.15pm Sally Jessy Raphael 1.05 Star Time 1.10 Search for Tomorrow 1.40 The Edge of Night 2.05 Video Visits 2.30 Lifestyle Plus 2.40 Pets and People 3.10 House Rules 4.00 Tea Break 4.10 Dick Van Dyke 4.40 The Great American Gameshows 6.00 The Sale-Vision Shopping Programme 10.00 Satellite Jukebox

MTV

● Via the Astra satellite.
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RADIO 3

6.35-6.55am Open University (FM only)

6.55 Weather; News Headlines

7.00 Morning Concert: Schütz (Meine Seele erhebt den Herrn, Deutsches Magnificat SWV 494); Scarlatti (Sonata in E, Kk 135); Verdi (Te Deum)

7.30 News

7.35 Morning Concert (cont): Vaughan Williams (Tuba Concerto); Telemann (Overture-Suite in D); Strauss (Malven); Bach, arr Stokowski (Toccata and Fugue in D minor, BWV 565) **8.30** News

8.35 Composers of the Week: Brahms (Alto Rhapsody, Op 53; Sextet No 2 in G, Op 36; Von ewiger Liebe, Op 43 No 1; Hungarian Dance No 20 in D minor)

9.35 Morning Sequence: Schumann (Quartet in A minor, Op 41 No 1: Emerson String Quartet); Prokofiev (Two Poems, Op 9; Five Poems, Akhmatova, Op 27: Elaine Barry, soprano, Oliver Davies, piano); Schumann (Nachtstücke, Op 23: Malcolm Binns, piano); Prokofiev (Five Songs without Words, Op 35, for soprano and piano); Schumann (Piano Sonata No 2 in G minor, Op 22; Presto passionato — original Finale of the Sonata: Malcolm Binns); Mendelssohn (Quartet in E flat, Op 44 No 3: Mistry Quartet)

12.00 Berlioz (Symphonie fantastique: BBC Philharmonic under Edward Downes)

1.00pm News

1.05 Chamber Music from Manchester: Coull String Quartet performs Haydn (Quartet, Op 33 No 5); Prokofiev (Quartet No 2)

2.00 Youth Orchestras of the World: National Youth Orchestra under Vernon Handley performs Elgar (Overture, Cockaigne, Op 40); Schumann (Concertstück for four horns, Op 86: David Pyatt, Mark Kane, Jeremy Pooley, Iwan Thomas); Arnold (Symphony No 7, Op 113)

3.25 Liszt: The pianist Alfredo Perl plays Deuxième Année de Pèlerinage (r)

4.25 A Man, a Woman and a Double Bass: Lowri Blake, cello, Peter Buckoke, double bass, perform de Fesch (Sonata in A minor); David Collins (Three Fantasies, 1984); Benda (Sonata in F); Pleyel (Theme and Variations)

5.00 Mainly for Pleasure, with Fiona Talkington

6.30 Gone in the Air: Brian Morton with the third of four programmes on the versatile instrumentalist Eric Dolphy

7.00 News

7.05 Third Ear: On the occasion of the fifth international Biennale of Architecture in Venice, Jonathan Glancey chairs a discussion on contemporary architecture

7.30 Czech Nonet: Isa Krejci (Nonet-Divertimento)

7.45 The Czech Philharmonic Plays Dvořák: The final concert, live from the Barbican Hall, London. Libor Pesek conducts Overture, In Nature's Realm, Op 91; Violin Concerto in A minor, Op 53: Miriam Fried. **8.35** John Tyrrell on Dvořák's relationship with Brahms (r). **8.55** Symphony No 7 in D minor, Op 70

9.45 The Schooner Flight by Derek Walcott
● CHOICE: A fine poem accompanied by music that exactly captures its moods is Derek Walcott's contribution to BBC Radio's poetry festival. He wrote it, he says, when his second marriage was going through an awkward time and it was his first poem of substance, written in 1979, using Caribbean "nation language" as well as standard English. Performed by Burt Caesar, it is especially good on the schooner's progress through "waves rustling like brass in a slow wind" while the stars "nail holes in the sky roof." Keith Waithe composed the music and directs the Caribbean band

10.25 Derek Collier, violin, Alan Brown, piano, perform Brahms (Sonatensatz); Arnold (Five Pieces, Op 84); Lutyens (Aptota for solo violin); Bartók (Andante in A); Dag Wiren (Sonatina, Op 15) (r)

11.00 Richard Rodney Bennett and the King's Singers interpret the work of Harold Arlen

11.30 News

11.35-12.35am Composers of the Week: Fauré (Nocturnes: No 11 in F sharp minor, Op 104 No 1 and No 12 in E minor, Op 107; Fantaisie, Op 111; Nocturne No 13 in B minor, Op 119; Piano trio in D minor, Op 120) (r)

1.00-2.25 Night School (FM only) (except in Scotland)

RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on FM

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing; Weather, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **8.43** The Old Left: Continuing Care. Written and read by Daniel Menaker (4 of 7) (s) **8.58** Weather

9.00 News

9.05 Desert Island Discs: The conductor Klaus Tennstedt (s) (r)

9.45 The Village: Nigel Farrell presents the real-life dramas of the community of Bentley in Hampshire (3 of 8)

10.00-10.30am Homeward Bound (FM only): The Castle Dangerous. The second of four programmes on the way it was for women. Harry Thompson gives an appreciation of the art of household management (s)

10.00 News; Daily Service (LW only)

10.15 The Bible (LW only): Genesis. John Gielgud reads from the Old Testament in the Authorised Version, and the New Testament from the Revised English Bible (s)

10.30 Woman's Hour from Manchester. Cathy Smith examines the teacher's lot

11.30 The Natural History Programme

12.00 News; You and Yours

12.25pm The Food Programme: Derek Cooper investigates whether the Irish can expand their food and agriculture industries without polluting the land, to provide much-needed jobs **12.55** Weather

1.00 The World at One

1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping

2.00 News; Classic Serial: The Personal History of David Copperfield. Second of a ten-part dramatisation of Charles Dickens's novel (s) (r)

3.00 News; Special Assignment: Max Pearson reports from Bolivia on the attempts by the government to reconcile the conflict between the logging companies and the Indians over the future of the rain forest

3.30 Bookshelf: Novelist Jenny Diski talks to Nigel Forde

4.00 News

4.05 Kaleidoscope: Includes reviews of the artist Francesco Clemente's exhibition at the Royal Academy, the updated version of Robert Hughes's book *The Shock of the New*, and Ann Tyler's novel *Saint Maybe*; there is a discussion on figurative art; and a report on the Indian tabla player Zakir Hussein (s)

4.45 Short Story: The Two Masks of O. Siôn Probert reads Danny Abse's tale of intrigue and possible arson in the world of Welsh amateur dramatics

5.00 News; PM **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather

6.00 Six O'Clock News

6.30 September Song. Falling in Love Again. A whimsical account of middle age. Written by Ken Blakeson (5 of 7) (s) (r)

7.00 News **7.05** The Archers

7.20 Pick of the Week

8.05 Any Questions? Jonathan Dimbleby is joined in Wayland Prison, Thetford, by journalist Barbara Amiel; Roy Hattersley, MP, deputy leader of the Labour party and opposition spokesman on home affairs; Helena Kennedy, QC; and Cecil Parkinson, MP

8.50 Stop Press, with Geoffrey Goodman

9.15 Kaleidoscope: Pushkin's Monument. As the Soviet Union slowly disintegrates, Tony Briggs talks to authors and poets on the streets of Moscow about the future for Russian literature and Russia's greatest poet, Pushkin (s) (r)

9.45 Letter from America, by Alistair Cooke **9.59** Weather

10.00 The World Tonight (s)

10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Turning Back the Sun, by Colin Thubron (5 of 10)

11.00 Week Ending: A review of the week's news with Bill Wallis, David Tate and Sally Grace (s)

11.25 The Financial Week (s)

11.45 John Pilger: The Last Days of Saigon. The antipodean journalist John Pilger reflects on the fourth and final corner of the world that has caught his interest

12.00 News, incl **12.27am** Weather **12.33** Shipping Forecast **12.43** World Service (LW only)

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RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. 4.00am Gary King (FM only) 6.00 Simon Mayo 9.00 Simon Bates 12.30pm Newsbeat 12.45 Gary Davies says Let's Do Lunch 3.00 Steve Wright in the Afternoon 5.30 News '91 6.00 Round Table 7.30 The Essential Selection 10.00 Friday Rock Show 12.00-4.00am Andy Peebles Double Bill (FM only) 12.00 Soul Train, 2.00am Night Train

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. 4.00am Steve Madden: The Early Show 6.00 Ken Bruce 7.30 Derek Jameson 9.30 Judith Chalmers 11.00 Jimmy Young 1.05pm David Jacobs 2.00 Gloria Hunniford 4.00 Daniel O'Donnell 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Journey into Space: The World in Peril (13 of 20) (r) 7.30 Friday Night is Music Night 8.45 Eric Parkin at the piano 9.00 Listen to the Band 10.00 The Radio 2 Arts Programme: Mavis Nicholson reports on the arts scene in Wales 12.05am Jazz Parade 12.35 John Terrett with Night Ride 3.00-4.00 A Little Night Music

RADIO 5

News and sport on the hour until 7.00pm. 6.00am World Service: News and 24 Hours 6.30 Morning Edition 9.00 Schools 10.25 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 10.40 Johnnie Walker with The Family Business 12.30pm Caribbean Magazine 1.00 News Update 1.15 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 (r) 1.30 Ryder Cup: USA v Europe. Tony Adamson introduces coverage from the Ocean Course, Kiawah Island, South Carolina 7.35 Five Aside 7.15 Pippi Longstocking, by Astrid Lindgren. Read by Sandi Toksvig 7.35 King Street Junior 8.00 It's Only Rock 'n' Roll: A comedy drama by Jim Eldridge (r) 8.00 Ryder Cup: USA v Europe 11.00 Sport 11.05 Rave 12.00-12.10am News; Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. 5.00am Morgenmagazin 5.30 The World Today 5.45 News Headlines in English and French 5.47 British Press Review 5.52 World Business Report 5.57 Travel and Weather News 6.00 24 Hours 6.30 Londres Matin 6.59 Weather 7.00 Newsdesk 7.30 Meridian 8.00 World News 8.09 24 Hours Live. News Summary 8.30 The Great Cathedrals of Britain 9.00 World News 9.09 Words of Faith 9.15 Music Review 10.00 World News 10.09 World Business Report Live 10.15 Global Concerns 10.30 Seven Seas 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 News Summary 11.01 Focus on Faith 11.30 Londres Midi 11.45 Mittagsmagazin 11.59 Weather 12.00 Newsdesk 12.30pm Meridian 1.00 World News 1.09 News About Britain 1.15 The Great Cathedrals of Britain 1.45 Sports Roundup 2.00 Newsround 3.00 World News 3.05 Outlook 3.30 Off the Shelf: Silas Marner 3.45 Master Photography 4.00 World News 4.15 BBC English 4.30 Heute Aktuell 5.00 World and British News 5.15 BBC English 5.30 Londres Soir 6.14 The World Today 6.29 News Summary 6.30 Heute Aktuell 7.00 German Features 7.54 News in German 8.00 World News 8.05 World Business Report 8.15 Londres Derniere 8.30 The Great Cathedrals of Britain 9.00 World News 8.05 World Business Report 8.15 Londres Derniere 8.30 The Great Cathedrals of Britain 9.00 World News 9.09 The World Today 9.25 Words of Faith 9.30 Science in Action 9.30 Science in Action 10.00 Newshour 11.00 World News 11.05 B Side Beat 11.20 People and Politics 11.50 Sports Roundup 12.00 World News 12.05am World Business Report 12.15 Worldbrief 12.30 Multitrack 3 1.00 Newsdesk 1.30 From the Weeklies 1.45 Recording of the Week 2.00 World News 2.05 Outlook 2.30 Short Story 2.45 Here's Humph! 3.00 Newsdesk 3.30 People and Politics 4.00 World News 4.09 News About Britain 4.15 The Vintage Chart Show 4.45 News and Features in German

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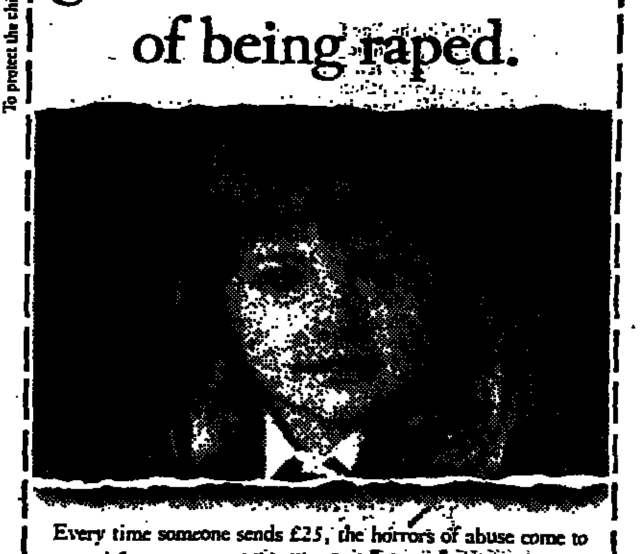

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Road deaths fall to the lowest total since 1948

By Kevin Eason, Motoring Correspondent

THE number of deaths on Britain's roads is at its lowest since 1948 in spite of a ninefold increase in the overall amount of traffic.

There were 4,655 deaths in the 12 months to June, the lowest for 43 years, compared with 5,487 for the same period last year. The January-December total for 1948 of 4,513 was registered when there were just 3.7 million cars on the road compared with 24.7 million this year.

Malcolm Rifkind, the transport secretary, said yesterday that British road travel was the safest in Europe after figures showed that fatalities were down by 18 per cent in the second quarter of last year, to 1,031. Department of Transport statistics show that with 9.7 road deaths per 100,000 head of population, Britain is the lowest among the developed countries. It compares with 31.5 in Portugal, 13 in West Germany, 20.5 in France and 18.3 in the United States.

Mr Rifkind said that the statistics were encouraging. "That is part of a trend. It's not just part of a one-off set of figures. We are probably the safest country in the world so far as road safety is concerned," he said.

The provisional figures for April to June show that the downward trend was firmly established even though roads continue to get busier. Safer cars, better policing of drink-driving, campaigns to reduce pedestrian casualties and tighter laws on seat belts contributed to the reduction.

Mr Rifkind praised "the vast majority of British motorists who are sensible and safe drivers" and said the target of reducing road deaths by one third by the turn of the century year 2000 was in sight. But he added: "We are still faced with the harsh reality that well over 4,000 people (a year) die on our roads. That's 4,000 too many."

The Automobile Association welcomed the figures. "This is an indication that new roads are designed to higher standards of safety and that modern cars are better equipped to withstand the impact of a collision," it said.

The number of casualties fell by 9 per cent to 77,080. Serious injuries dropped 12 per cent to 13,029, while slight injuries, at 63,021, represented an 8 per cent drop. The campaign to alert pedestrians helped result in an 8 per cent fall in casualties and a 21 per cent drop in deaths to 303 in the second quarter. Child pedestrian casualties were down seven per cent and there were 73 deaths.

There was also encouraging news for cyclists and motorcyclists, traditionally among the most vulnerable road users. Cyclist casualties fell 10 per cent. There were 54 deaths, a fall of 28 per cent. Motorcyclist deaths numbered 143, a decrease of 22 per cent.

● Motorists were warned yesterday that they are more likely to have an accident next month than at any other time of year.

The warning came as Scotland Yard launched its Safer Driving in London campaign in an attempt to reduce road accidents in the capital by a third before the end of the century. There are more accidents in October than in any other month, as driving conditions change with the onset of winter weather.

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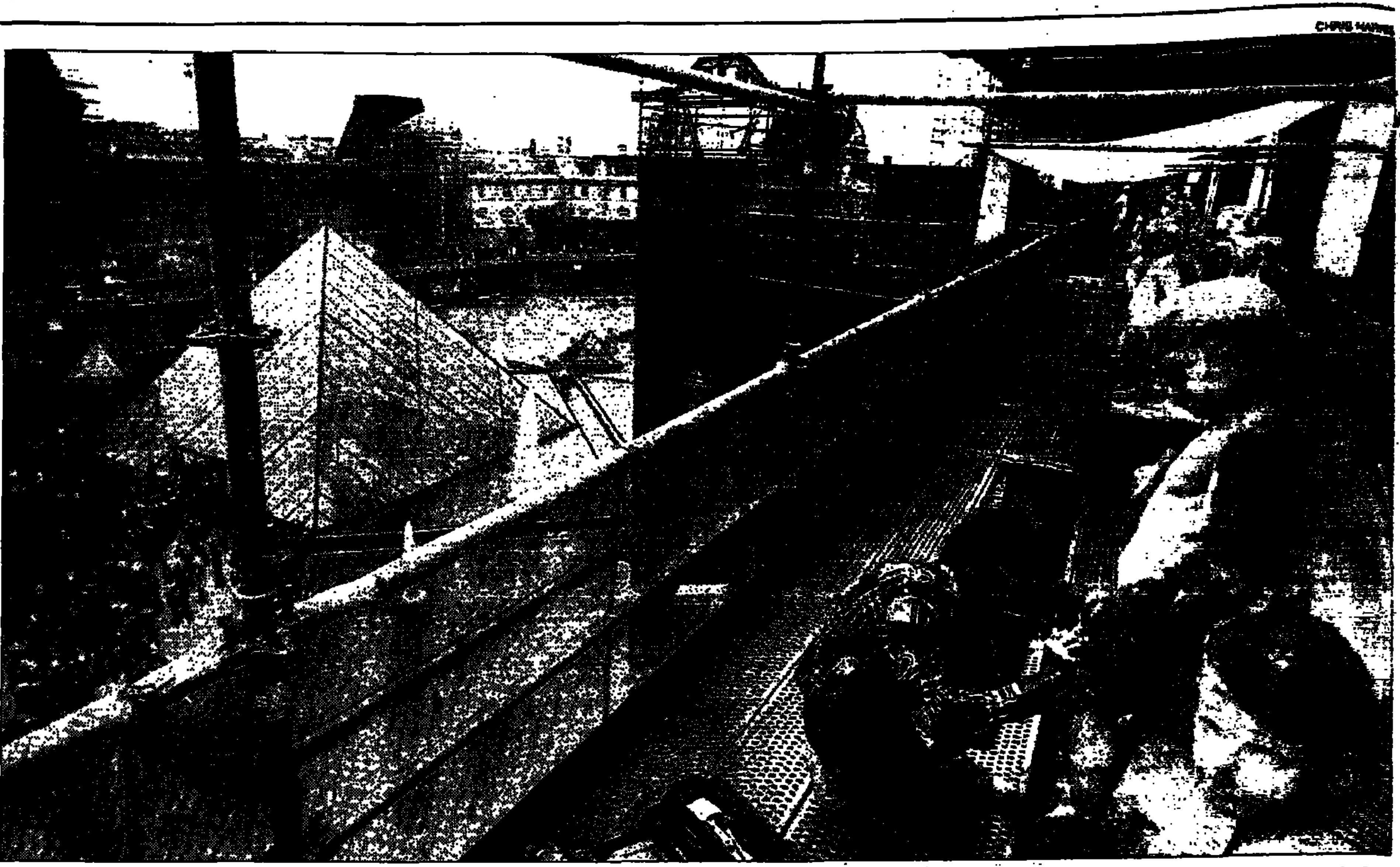
ROAD TOLL OVER THE YEARS

Year	Cars (m)	Killed	Injured ('000)
1930	2.3	7,305	178
1940	2.3	8,609	n/a
1950	4.4	5,012	196
1955	6.5	5,526	262
1960	9.4	6,970	341
1965	12.9	7,952	390
1970	15.0	7,499	356
1975	17.5	6,366	319
1980	19.2	6,010	323
1985	21.2	5,165	312
1990	24.7	5,217	336

Figures relate to January to December. Source: Department of Transport



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Restoring history: with one of the world's most famous symbols of modern architecture — I. M. Pei's controverisal pyramid — in the background sculptors Arnaud de Villeneuve and Rodrigo Gordo work to restore one of the 130-year-old *Génies* which decorate the facade of the Aile Mollien, part of the Court Napoléon in the Palais du Louvre (Susan Bell writes). Señor Gordo, from Spain, and M de Villeneuve are part of an international team of 200 sculptors and stonemasons recruited by the museum to restore the statues and intricate ornamentation which date from the reign of Napoléon III. Completed in 1857 the statues were originally commissioned by the architect Hector Leseul, whose vision for Napoléon III's extension to the Louvre was considerably more ornate than his predecessor Visconti, who died before his designs could be realised. The cumulative effect of over 130 years of wind, rain and carbon monoxide fumes have taken their toll on the hundred *Génies*, each of which represent a different aspect of human endeavour, and of the 86 *Hommes Illustres* which represent the great men of France from the Middle Ages to the French Revolution. Upon examination 12 of the latter were found to have deteriorated beyond repair. The Louvre has commissioned copies by 12 modern sculptors. Local stone quarried from Saint Maximen outside Paris, from which the original statues were carved, will be used for their replacements. Work on restoring the facade began last year and is scheduled to finish next summer.

Poll boost for Kinnock

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Kinnock has ditched his socialist principles to win power, contains a revealing insight into the reasoning behind some of his policy U-turns and his determination to anticipate the difficulties he might face in office.

In an ironic reference to the age-old accusation of the left that Labour prime ministers forsake cherished policies and principles as soon as they get to Downing Street, Mr Kinnock is reported as having told friends that he "intends to get his betrayal in" before an election.

Peter Mandelson, Labour's former communications chief, tells the programme: "I remember Neil Kinnock saying when he was facing this sort of argument from people — I remember privately one night — 'I tell you I would rather get my betrayal in before the election than after'. What he meant was this: too often Labour leaders in the past have not faced up to the difficult arguments. They have not taken on people in the party and said what can be, and must be ... well Neil Kinnock would rather face up to the practicalities with honesty and conviction before we go into government."

The leadership is hoping for a smoothly running conference at Brighton that will stamp it, in the last conference before the election, as a party ready for government. Its biggest difficulties may come on Sunday as the conference opens when a Militant rally protesting at the suspensions of Terry Fields and David Nellist may disrupt the image of unity that the party will seek all week to promote, and local party members and some unions protest, for different reasons, over the plan to ditch automatic mandatory reselection.

The conference proper will get under way on Monday with Labour out to to stress its responsible economic credentials in a debate featuring speeches from John Smith, Margaret Beckett and Gordon Brown. Mr Kinnock's speech will come on Tuesday afternoon, when elections to Labour's national executive are expected to result in little shift in his overwhelming personal ascendancy on the ruling body.

Thursday's debate on defence is likely to see a repeat of last year's attempt to commit Mr Kinnock to a precise figure for reductions in defence spending.

☐ NOP interviewed 1,596 electors last Saturday, Sunday and Monday. John Major's personal rating remains high with 64 per cent saying he is doing well as prime minister and though Neil Kinnock is far behind, his rating has improved. Thirty-four per cent think Mr Kinnock would do well in 10 Downing Street compared with 30 per cent early this month.

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Waiting game in car park

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that the team's Monday research had been shipped out safely.

Nor was he particularly keen to offer an opinion on what Mr Bush might do to alleviate their plight — "an international phone line from a Baghdad car park is not the place to make or review policy" — but he was determined upon one thing: the team would press on with its mission as soon as it was free to do so.

"As soon as they, hopefully, drive us out of here, we'll be ready to start," he said. The team's material was still under its control, and it intended to keep things that way.

As for a hint on the possible date of their freedom, the Iraqis are giving away even less than about their plans for nuclear domination of the Middle East.

Bucharest claim of communist coup

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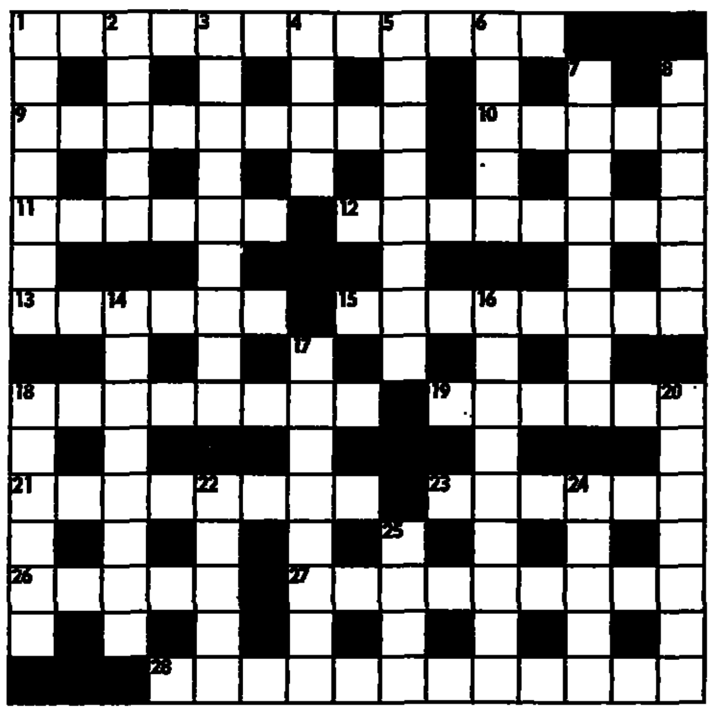
workers were arriving in Bucharest by train and bus to swell the crowds. On the face of it, the miners appear to have turned against President Iliescu, the former Communist who since the overthrow and execution of Nicolae Ceausescu, the Communist dictator, in December 1989 has been their principal defender.

Ironically, the government has been pilloried by the same men whom Mr Iliescu brought to Bucharest 15 months ago to fight anti-government demonstrators. After the protesters had been beaten and cowed, President Iliescu thanked the workers from the Jiu valley for heading off a "fascist plot". Next to him on the podium was the miners' leader, Milan Cosma, who pledged that his men would respond to any call from the president. Yet Mr Cosma was at the head of the latest demonstrations against the authorities. Certainly the miners have a grudge against the Romanian leadership. The 50,000 miners working the uneconomic and often unsafe pits of the Jiu valley were always regarded as the elite of the working class.

Last year the president cut their working week to 30 hours and raised their wages to three times the national average. But now their status has slipped. Their wage differential has slipped, Mr Roman argued that there was no money in the kitty for extra danger money, and the number of pit fatalities has increased dramatically. There are at least 1,000 methane explosions a year in the Romanian mines.

Latest forecasts suggest that unemployment in Romania will rise to 20 per cent of the workforce, about 1.5 million by the end of the year.

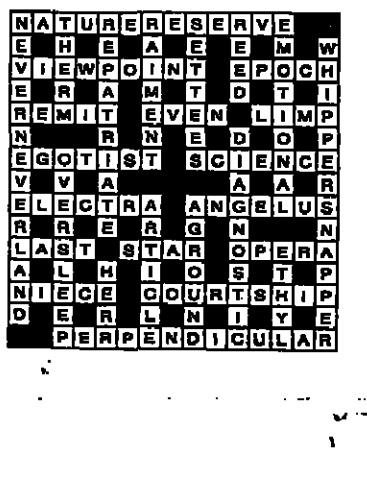
THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 18,722



ACROSS
1 Extra flexible in the mind (12).
9 Running furiously, holding racket, can be distressing (9).
10 General stall (5).
11 Meanly disposed, they are not like priests (6).
12 Running out of stock at an alarming rate (8).
13 Admiral yonder, at sea! (6).
15 Cold, uncooked seafood could be lobster (8).
18 One so-called type seen through red eyes? (8).
19 Meddle with index, for example (6).
21 Look after young lady of Riga's mount — it's brilliant (5,3).
23 Hold up a ship and keep quiet (6).
26 Decimal recurring again and again (5).
27 Pink in saloon race (9).
28 Fox's followers assemble here (7-5).

DOWN
1 Student of central heating, operated by the sun outside (7).
2 Block standard lines (5).
3 Slack feature of a table for 6? (5-4).
4 Male assistance for this girl (4).
5 Put up firearm — a right-minded type finds it worthless (8).
6 White of egg is mainly a binder (5).
7 It leads the Piggy-wig to make a short trunk call (4-4).
8 Toss and turn in new Herts hospital (6).
14 Authorize agent to hand over commission (8).
16 Was he hurt after scrap and overwhelming defeat? (9).
17 Cold weather transport causes chaos in each city (3-5).
18 General order we hear (6).
20 Language of upright type attending church (7).
22 Field variety (5).
24 It takes so long to finish in a university (5).
25 Credit article reveals extent of catch (4).

Solution to Puzzle No 18,721



Concise crossword, page 15

WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the langunge jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

KORO
a. A martial art
b. The Chinese raven
c. Belief that one's penis is shrinking

TOCHER
a. A candlestick
b. A dowry
c. A lamp-lighter

DISSEPIMENT
a. Discerning wit
b. Partition in an ovary
c. Taking every seventh man

SEMSEM
a. Half of half
b. A Korean nanny
c. Sesame

Answers on page 16

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WEATHER

Early mist and fog patches will clear, giving most of Britain a dry start with some sunshine. However, the eastern coast of England may have showers. Cloud and rain will spread into Northern Ireland this afternoon, and by evening will have reached western parts of the mainland, with the east becoming cloudy. Rain will continue to spread east tonight and it will be rather cool. Outlook: wet, windy and chilly.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	22	72	f	Majorca	30	86	s
Akrotiri	33	91	s	Malaga	25	77	s
Alex'dria	28	82	s	Malta	29	84	s
Algiers	29	84	s	Melb'rne	11	52	f
Amst'dm	15	59	c	Mexico C*	19	66	c
Athens	27	81	s	Miami*	31	88	f
Bahrain	35	95	s	Milan	19	66	c
Bangkok	31	88	f	Montreal*	13	55	r
Barbados*	31	88	f	Moscow	19	66	s
Barcelna	23	73	f	Munich	22	72	f
Belgrade	27	81	s	Nairobi	25	77	c
Berlin	24	75	s	Naples	25	77	t
Bermuda*	29	84	f	N Delhi	33	91	s
Biarritz	16	61	c	N York*	22	72	f
Borde'x	16	61	f	Nice	23	73	f
Brussels	16	61	s	Oslo	14	57	s
Budapest	25	77	s	Paris	17	63	f
B Aires*	19	66	s	Peking	26	79	s
Cairo	33	91	s	Perth	20	68	s
Chicago*	13	55	f	Prague	17	63	f
Ch'church	11	52	f	Reykjavik	7	45	f
Cologne	15	59	r	Rhodes	28	82	s
C'phagn	14	57	r	Rio de J	20	68	f
Corfu	27	81	f	Riyadh	37	99	s
Dublin	13	55	c	Rome	26	79	f
Dubrovnik	25	77	s	Salzburg	24	75	f
Faro	24	75	s	S F'risco*	17	63	f
Florence	19	66	t	Santiago*	22	72	s
Frankfurt	17	63	r	S Paulo*	15	59	r
Funchal	23	73	r	Seoul	19	66	r
Geneva	16	61	r	Sing'por	28	82	c
Gibraltar	23	73	s	St'kholm	15	59	f
Helsinki	11	52	d	Strasb'rg	16	61	r
Hong K	30	86	s	Sydney	17	63	c
Innsbrck	23	73	c	Tangier	22	72	f
Istanbul	22	72	s	Tel Aviv	30	86	s
Jeddah	35	95	s	Tenerife	25	77	c
Jo'burg*	20	68	c	Tokyo	20	68	r
Karachi	29	84	c	Toronto*	16	61	f
L Palmas	27	81	s	Tunis	33	91	s
Le Tquet	16	61	f	Valencia	26	79	s
Lisbon	21	70	f	Vanc'ver*	25	77	s
Locarno	20	68	c	Venice	23	73	r
London	15	59	c	Vienna	25	77	s
L Angels*	20	68	s	Warsaw	22	72	s
Luxembg	14	57	sl	Wash'ton*	21	70	f
Luxor	40	104	s	Wel'nton	14	57	c
Madrid	19	66	f	Zurich	16	61	r

* denotes figures are latest available

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.29	2.14
Austria Sch	21.60	20.00
Belgium Fr	62.80	58.80
Canada $	2.078	1.928
Denmark Kr	11.79	11.04
Finland Mkk	7.50	7.05
France Fr	10.34	9.69
Germany Dm	3.045	2.845
Greece Dr	334.00	314.00
Hong Kong $	14.05	13.05
Ireland Pt	1.138	1.068
Italy Lira	2285.00	2135.00
Japan Yen	248.00	230.00
Netherlands Gld	3.43	3.21
Norway Kr	12.00	11.19
Portugal Esc	262.00	244.00
South Africa Rd	5.45	4.85
Spain Pta	191.50	178.50
Sweden Kr	11.17	10.42
Switzerland Fr	2.65	2.48
Turkey Lira	8600.00	7800.00
USA $	1.83	1.70
Yugoslavia Dnr	DNS	40.00

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Wednesday: Highest day temp: Brize Norton, Oxfordshire, 20C (68F); lowest day max: Cape Wrath, Highland, 10C (50F); highest rainfall: Hastings, East Sussex, 0.47 in; highest sunshine: Dunbar, Lothian, 9.1 hr.

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	F	
Aberdeen	7.1	.13	16	61	shower
Anglesey	7.7	-	16	61	sunny
Aviemore	4.7	.06	13	55	shower
Belfast	3.3	.01	15	59	bright
Birmingham	4.7	-	17	63	bright
Blackpool	7.3	.04	16	61	shower
Bournemouth	7.4	.05	18	64	sunny
Brighton	X	.41	17	63	rain
Bristol	7.3	-	18	64	bright
Buxton	7.2	-	15	59	bright
Cardiff	6.8	-	17	63	sunny
Clacton	1.4	.14	14	57	rain
Colwyn Bay	6.8	.09	16	61	rain
Cromer	3.0	-	19	66	cloudy
Douglas	6.0	-	15	59	sunny
Edinburgh	6.9	.04	14	57	shower
Eskdalemuir	5.5	.01	13	55	fog
Exmouth	5.0	.02	18	64	sunny
Glasgow	7.0	.17	15	59	shower
Guernsey	6.9	-	18	64	sunny
Hunstanton	6.5	-	17	63	sunny
Jersey	4.9	.27	18	64	bright
Kinloss	6.2	.01	15	59	shower
Leeds	5.9	-	17	63	sunny
Lerwick	5.5	.01	11	52	shower
London	1.0	-	17	63	cloudy
Lowestoft	0.1	.03	15	59	shower
Manchester	4.8	.02	17	63	bright
Margate	X	.36	14	57	rain
Minehead	7.5	.01	19	66	sunny
Morecambe	5.6	.39	15	59	rain
Newcastle	5.8	-	16	61	bright
Newquay	7.8	.03	17	63	sunny
Nottingham	6.1	-	18	64	sunny
Penzance	5.9	.01	17	63	bright
Plymouth	7.5	.06	17	63	sunny
Scarborough	6.5	-	17	63	sunny
Scilly Isles	6.8	.04	17	63	bright
Shanklin	6.2	.10	18	64	sunny
Southsea	5.3	.03	18	64	sunny
St. Ives	6.4	.04	16	61	bright
Stornoway	1.9	.31	12	54	shower
Teignmouth	7.5	.03	19	66	sunny
Tenby	6.5	.01	17	63	bright
Wick	3.5	.03	13	55	shower

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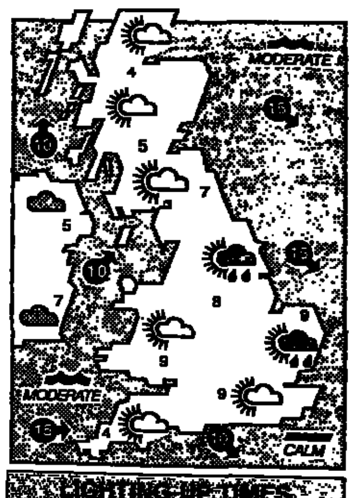

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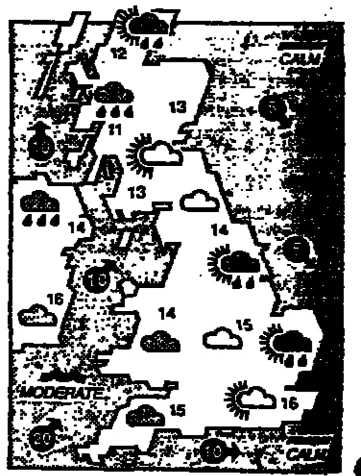

LIGHTING-UP TIMES

London 6.49 pm to 6.55 am
Bristol 6.59 pm to 7.05 am
Edinburgh 7.00 pm to 7.09 am
Manchester 6.57 pm to 7.04 am

Sun rises: 6.54 am	Sun sets: 6.49 pm
Moon sets 11.27 am	Moon rises 7.49 pm

Last quarter October 1

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	13	55	s	Guernsey	15	59	s
B'rmgham	12	54	f	Inverness	11	52	r
Blackpool	12	54	r	Jersey	17	63	s
Bristol	16	61	s	London	15	59	c
Cardiff	15	59	r	M'nchster	12	54	f
Edinburgh	12	54	s	Newcastle	12	54	c
Glasgow	10	50	s	R'nldsway	13	55	s

GLASGOW

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 15C (59F); min 6pm to 6am, 1C (34F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 6.0 hr.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp. max 6am to 6pm, 12C (54F); min 6pm to 6am, 8C (46F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.93 in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 0.2 hr

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	4.31	7.2	4.39	7.3	Liverpool	1.39	9.5	1.56	9.3
Aberdeen	3.40	4.4	4.11	4.1	Lowestoft	12.03	2.4	12.09	[illegible]
Avonmouth	9.54	13.1	10.15	12.9	Margate	2.30	4.8	2.33	4.9
Belfast	1.15	3.5	1.39	3.4	Milford Haven	8.51	6.9	9.12	6.9
Cardiff	9.39	12.1	10.00	12.0	Newquay	7.41	6.9	8.03	[illegible]
Devonport	8.44	5.3	8.58	5.2	Oban	8.09	4.0	8.35	[illegible]
Dover	1.18	6.6	1.34	6.8	Penzance	7.46	5.4	8.01	[illegible]
Falmouth	8.14	5.1	8.28	5.0	Portland	9.46	2.2	10.12	2.2
Glasgow	3.31	4.8	3.48	4.8	Portsmouth	1.42	4.7	2.02	4.7
Harwich	2.30	4.1	2.41	4.1	Shoreham	1.30	6.2	1.57	6.2
Holyhead	12.39	5.7	12.58	5.5	Southampton	1.15	4.5	1.35	[illegible]
Hull	8.54	7.5	9.16	7.2	Swansea	8.52	9.6	9.15	9.5
Ilfracombe	8.37	9.2	8.58	9.1	Tees	6.04	5.5	6.32	5.2
King's Lynn	9.03	6.8	9.29	6.4	W'lton-on-Nze	2.21	4.3	2.33	4.3
Leith	5.07	5.6	5.38	5.3					

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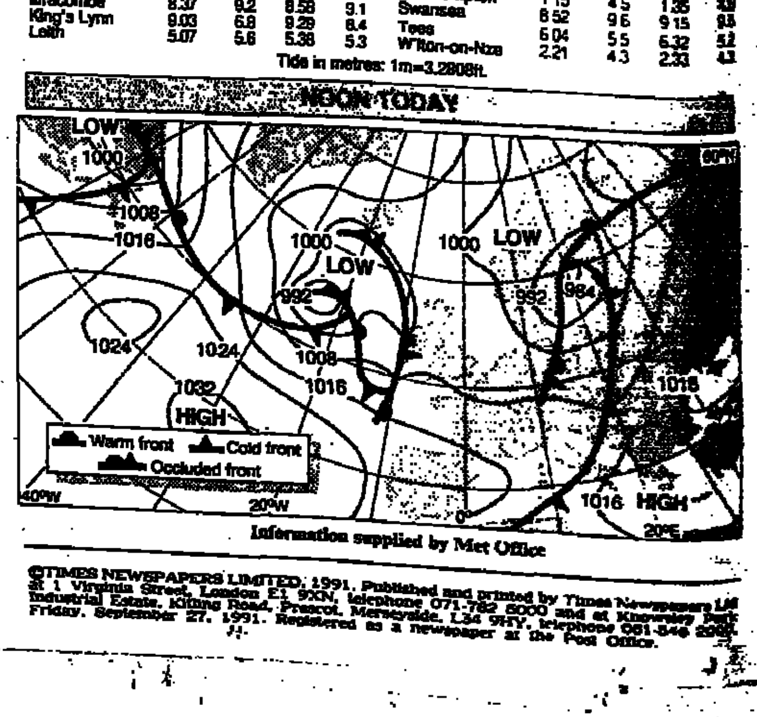

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THE TIMES
BUSINESS
FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 27 1991

Business Editor
John Bell

WEEKEND MONEY TOMORROW

PROFILE

David Montagu enjoys the wealth he inherited. But as Gillian Bowditch found, the fourth Lord Swaythling and head of Rothmans International has carved his own niche in life.

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HIGH INTEREST

Annual percentage rates (APRs) of 100 per cent received the blessing of the director general of fair trading this week. Lindsay Cook reports.

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CHEAP MORTGAGES

People enquiring about cheap mortgage deals offered by a leading building society on repossessed properties have been turned away empty handed, Sara McConnell writes.

Public pay well ahead

THE government's difficulties over containing increases in public sector pay in the forthcoming wage round were sharply illustrated yesterday by official figures showing earnings in the public sector running well ahead of private business.

According to the government's authoritative New Earnings Survey, which provides a snapshot each April of actual earnings levels across the economy, earnings increases in the public sector are running at 11.1 per cent compared with 7.2 per cent in the private sector. Average weekly earnings across the economy are £284.70.

Closing pay gap, page 21

THE POUND

US dollar
1.7355 (+0.0015)
German mark
2.9130 (–0.0036)
Exchange index
90.9 (–0.1)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 share
2025.2 (–3.7)
FT-SE 100
2595.6 (–2.2)
New York Dow Jones
3015.65 (–5.37)*
Tokyo Nikkei Avge
23968.08 (+390.66)

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:	
Securicor	672½p (+10p)
Southern Bus	80½p (+10p)
Eurocamp	293½p (+31p)
Harvey & Thompson	156½p (+16p)
P Bilton	485p (+12p)
Cable & Wireless	578½p (+12p)
Harland Simon	662½p (+28p)
News Corp	500p (+15p)
Utd Newspapers	397½p (+14p)
Schroders	947½p (+20p)
Reuters	870p (+17p)
BICC	412½p (+10p)
Tiphook	560p (+14p)
FALLS:	
Vickers	169p (–20p)
Hillsdown	227½p (–28½p)
General Accident	532½p (–11p)
Royal	363½p (–10p)
Vodafone	372½p (–14p)

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base. 10½%
3 month Interbank 10¼-10³⁄₁₆%
3-month eligible bills 9⁷⁄₁₆-9¹¹⁄₃₂%
US: Prime Rate 8%
Federal Funds 5⁵⁄₁₆%*
3 month Treasury Bills 5 15-5 13%*
30 year bonds 102⁴⁄₁₆-102²⁶⁄₃₂*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£ $1 7325	£: $1 7330*
£ DM2 9149	$ DM1.6827*
£ SwFr2 5372	$ SwFr1 4650*
£ FFr9 9359	$ FFr5.7315*
£ Yen231 47	$ Yen133 64*
£ Index 90 9	$ Index 64 8
ECU £0 702047	SDR £0 783909
£ ECU1 424406	£ SDR1 275658

London forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $352 30 pm-$351 90
close $351.40-351 90 (£202 30-202 80)
New York:
Comex $351.75-352.25*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Oct) . . . $21 00 bbl ($20.85)

RETAIL PRICES

RPI: 134 1 August (1987=100)
* Denotes midday trading price

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Second Guinness trial starts

Bankers 'were prepared to act dishonestly'

By Our City Staff

TWO City figures were prepared to act dishonestly during the Guinness takeover bid for Distillers "to promote and enhance their reputations as persons who could make things happen in the City", the prosecution said at the start of the second Guinness trial at Southwark Crown Court yesterday.

Elizabeth Gloster, QC, opening the Crown's case, detailed secret indemnities that Roger Seelig gave to investors, guaranteeing to meet any losses they suffered from buying Guinness shares, with the aim of bolstering the Guinness share price to secure victory in the takeover battle.

She said: "These indemnities were not disclosed to the City authorities or the public. The prosecution say that as a matter of law, arrangements of this kind are unlawful if they are not disclosed."

She added: "The defendants were prepared to act dishonestly, not merely to assist Guinness in winning its takeover battle for Distillers, but also to promote and enhance their own individual reputations as persons who could make things happen in the City."

Mr Seelig, aged 46, former corporate finance director at Morgan Grenfell, which advised Guinness during the takeover, denies two charges of false accounting under the *1968 Theft Act* and one under the 1958 Prevention of Fraud (Investments) Act.

Lord Spens, aged 49, former managing director of Henry Ansbacher and Company, also denies a charge of false accounting. Both men have also pleaded not guilty to a joint charge alleging conspiracy to contravene the provisions of the Prevention of Fraud (Investments) Act.

Mr Seelig betrayed his frustration at the time and money the Guinness affair has cost him with the remarks he made on his arrival. He is conducting his own defence, he says, not because he relishes the intellectual challenge or because he fancies himself as Rumpole but because his wallet is empty.

In court, Miss Gloster said that Lord Spens was keen to promote good business relations with Morgan Grenfell and agreed to Mr Seelig's request to buy Guinness shares against an indemnity as part of the share support operation.

One of the supportive investors that Mr Seelig had enlisted to help was LF Rothschild and Company Incorporated, the New York investment bank. Miss Gloster said Mr Seelig reached agreements with senior Rothschild executives to buy up to £25 million of Guinness shares with the guarantee that any losses incurred would be repaid to them, but he did not tell the American company that it would be Guinness covering those losses.

She said Mark Sohn, one of the people who worked for Rothschild in London, became "suspicious" of Mr Seelig and "apprehensive" as to whether Morgan Grenfell would honour their agreement, so he secretly taped his telephone conversations with the merchant banker. During one taped call, Mr Seelig asked for a note of the number of shares bought by Rothschild and their cost, to assess indemnity payment.

In a recording played to the court, Mr Seelig said: "Thank you very much for everything and convey that New Yorkwise. Will you let me have on plain paper by hand at some stage or other the position and I will set about doing what I can to put it right."

Miss Gloster said Mr Seelig told Guinness that Morgan Grenfell stood to lose about £1 million on its holding. He suggested the merchant bank and its property division subsidiary should "deliberately inflate" invoices to Guinness to cover the possible loss. She told the court this was subsequently done in the case of three invoices.

Miss Gloster said Mr Seelig encouraged Elliot Bernerd, chairman of the Morgan Grenfell property division, to find buyers for Guinness shares. Mr Bernerd persuaded a Swiss client to buy £8.5 million worth. She was also later persuaded to buy £8.69 million of Distillers shares as a "cheap entry" to Guinness, to whose shares they would be converted if the bid succeeded. Later, the client also purchased £2.25 million of shares in Argyll, Guinness's bid rival, so they would be available for dumping at tactical moments.

The trial continues today.

Seelig: defending himself

Lord Spens: denies charges

Rolls drives Vickers into £4m loss

ALAN WELLER

Dreaming of conspicuous consumers: chairman Sir David Plastow yesterday

By Ross Tieman
Industrial Correspondent

ROLLS-ROYCE Motor Cars lost money for the first time in at least 18 years during the first half, raising the prospect of a reduced dividend payment from Vickers, its parent company, later this year.

A £24.3 million exceptional bill for redundancies and restructuring the car business pushed the tanks to baby incubators group into a loss before tax of £4.3 million in the six months to end-June. Despite many warnings of Rolls' problems by Sir David Plastow, Vickers' chairman, the shares fell 20p to *169p*.

The heart of Vickers' tribulations was a slump of more than 50 per cent in sales of Rolls-Royces and Bentleys. Sir David, who has been associated with the car company for 38 years, could not recall a similar fall in demand. Output this year will be less than half the 3,300 cars built in 1990.

Last year cars made a third of group profits. Yesterday, Sir David said: "Prospects for the final dividend are dependent on a marked improvement in the outlook for Rolls-Royce Motor Cars." The interim dividend is held at 3.7p

The downswing at Rolls obscured competent performance from other group businesses. The baby incubator business in America increased profits and the marine sector held its own, although profits from aerospace components fell.

However, defence, which had declined to about 15 per cent of group profits, is set to resurge after a £500 million contract to build 130 Challenger 2 tanks for the British Army. Sir Colin Chandler, who succeeds Sir David as Vickers' chairman next May, has a formidable record as an arms salesman. He is confident of further orders for Challenger in the Middle East.

But he will also face a declining cash position. Gearing will have risen from nil to 25-30 per cent by the year end because of deferred payments for Cosworth and a £7.1 million extraordinary charge at the half year for the closure of a foundry at Crewe.

More worrying is a concern that conspicuous consumption, epitomised by Rolls-Royce ownership, will stay out of fashion. Research commissioned by Rolls is inconclusive, but, hedging its bets, the company *is* working hard to develop the Bentley marque, which has a more liberal image in America. Suddenly, social, economic and political considerations appear of equal import to the prospects of Rolls-Royce Motor Cars.

Slow gear to bargain buys

From Philip Robinson in New York

SHAREHOLDERS in Vickers need to brace themselves for a long wait if they are relying on a sharp rebound in sales at Rolls-Royce, the group's luxury carmaker, to fund their final dividend.

In America, Rolls, whose most popular car costs $160,000, sees no recovery for almost a year. Robert Wharen, Rolls' vice-president of sales and marketing says sales are expected to halve this year, and remain soft until the second half of next year.

The result would be sales of 600 cars this year. Of the 1,200 sold last year, almost 470 cars were Bentleys. Rolls' management frown on attempts by dealers to offer discounts, but a dealer in one of the wealthiest parts of America said: "We've got lots of stock and if you come down here with a cheque in your hand, you will probably be able to negotiate a price."

Ironically, Rolls' latest and most expensive car, the Bentley Continental R, costing £261,800, has sold out its first year's production. All 100 turbo-charged sporty limousines, which have V-8, 6.75 litre engines, have also been sold. Buyers have paid a total of $3 million in deposits, but Vickers will not see the $23 million balance until the cars are delivered in five months.

In contrast, sales of Rolls-Royce have been hit by various factors: few customers are feeling confident to buy until real evidence of an economic recovery emerges; Japanese luxury cars are retailing at about a quarter to a third of the price of a *$160,000 Rolls-Royce*; and the industry says the new 10 per cent luxury car tax is crippling sales.

Meanwhile, Vickers' statement that prospects for the final dividend depend on an improvement in the outlook for Rolls-Royce sounds more and more like a warning.

Hillsdown in £281m cash call

By Neil Bennett

HILLSDOWN, the food group, surprised the City by becoming the latest company to call on its shareholders to cut borrowings. The company is raising £281 million from a one-for-four rights issue.

Sir Harry Solomon, the chairman, said the money would be used to finance the group's expansion into America through Maple Leaf Foods, its 56 per cent-owned Canadian subsidiary.

In the meantime, the proceeds will reduce borrowings.

The City reacted badly to the announcement, and cut the share price by 26p to 230p, compared with the rights issue price of 210p. The issue has been underwritten by Kleinwort Benson.

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BAe to pay Smith £475,000 in fees

By Graham Searjeant, Financial Editor

BRITISH Aerospace will continue to pay for the services of Professor Sir Roland Smith until May 1993 under a long-standing agreement with the group under which his company, Roland Smith and Associates, was paid £300,000 of his *£313,000 total* pay for consultancy.

The continuing consultancy payments to Sir Roland, who formally leaves the chairmanship of BAe on October 7, would amount to around £475,000. BAe emphasised, however, that Sir Roland had not claimed and would not receive compensation for loss of office or any other payments.

Sir Graham Day, who will succeed Sir Roland, yesterday described his appointment as "like having picked up the short straw in rather difficult circumstances". Emphasising his non-executive role, Sir Graham made the remark while chairing the annual meeting of PowerGen, the electricity generating company, in Birmingham.

The interim appointment of Sir Graham was widely welcomed in the City, not least because of his record in dealing with the problems of the Rover group, of which he has only now reliquished the non-executive chairmanship. But there will be pressure for BAe to appoint an executive chairman eventually.

The ousting of Sir Roland as chairman of BAe did little to restore immediate confidence in its shares, which were marked up 5p to 430p early, but ended only 3p up at 428p.

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ICI names Hampel for new job

By John Bell

ICI has appointed Ronnie Hampel to the new post of chief operating officer, reporting to Sir Denys Henderson. Though Sir Denys remains chairman and chief executive, Mr Hampel's appointment has the effect of partially splitting his role.

ICI said the chief operating officer will be responsible for the profitable operation of the group, and chief executives of individual businesses will report to him. Mr Hampel will oversee acquisitions and divestments. Sir Denys said a key part of Mr Hampel's remit is to "achieve the targets that ICI has set itself in its restructuring".

Mr Hampel, an executive director since 1985, takes up his new post on October 1.

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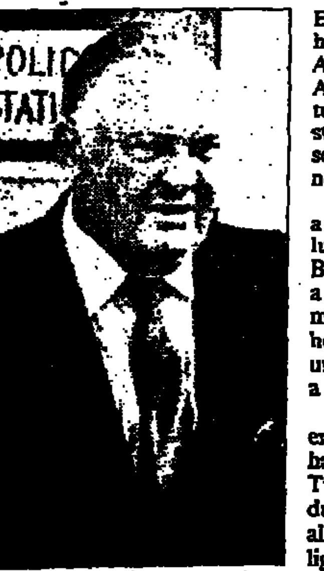
Alan Bond car chase ends in farce

From Brian Buchanan in Sydney



Bond: outside police station

EIGHT years to the day after his America's Cup victory, Alan Bond, the troubled Australian entrepreneur, turned up in a Perth police station after an attempt to serve him with a bankruptcy notice ended in farce.

The day started badly with a lengthy stakeout at his luxury Perth home. Then Mr Bond led the process server on a ten-minute, high-speed morning car chase from his home through well-to-do suburban streets to the car park of a police station.

The server told his employers, the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation and Tricontinental Australia, that during the chase, Mr Bond allegedly went through a red light and tried to chase the other car off the road. Mr Bond told onlookers that the process server had scared him by driving recklessly so he had driven to the police station to lodge a complaint.

After Mr Bond pulled into the car park, the process server approached him and served the notice by handing it to him as required by law.

The farcical chase, which was filmed by television crews, apparently could have been avoided. Solicitors for the banks say they rang Mr Bond's solicitors after the notice was issued on Tuesday night. They offered to save any embarrassment by serving it at a mutually convenient time and place, but said that Mr Bond did not respond.

Mr Bond now has to pay the banks US$194 million within 28 days or face bankruptcy. It is a far cry from the heady day in 1983 when he was a national hero after the team on his yacht Australia II wrested the prestige America's Cup from America.

Perhaps it is more appropriate that it is also the anniversary of his resignation as chairman of his public company, Bond Corporation. But a resolute Mr Bond, commenting on the court order for the money, said: "It's not over till the fat lady sings."

☐ The trustees of the bankrupt estate of Christopher Skase, another troubled Australian businessman, have served a summons on his solicitors in Brisbane requiring Mr Skase to return to Australia from Majorca for a bankruptcy hearing on November 11.

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Change of style for Laura Ashley

By OUR CITY STAFF

LAURA Ashley's new chief executive, Jim Maxmin, is bringing an American flavour to the retail group known for its English country style and declining profitability.

Mr Maxmin is ordering all senior executives to spend a day every two months working in a Laura Ashley shop to focus management's attention on the customers.

"There are no sacred cows," says Mr Maxmin, who is American and who joined from Thorn EMI. He is already looking at ways to franchise parts of the business, and motivate staff.

He admits it may take more than bright ideas to return the group to a healthy level of profitability. In the six months to end-July, pre-tax profits were £528,000 compared with £317,000, but operating profits fell from £7.15 million to £383,000 on turnover down from £174 million to £132 million. Earnings per share were 0.12p (0.02p) and for the second year there is no interim dividend.

☐ Shares in Dixons, the electricals retailer, fell 5p to 247p after Stanley Kalms, the chairman, told shareholders that results for the group in the first half of the current year would be down, but he said he expected a favourable outcome for the year as a whole.

Barratt to slash debt after plunging £106m into red

By GILLIAN BOWDITCH

BARRATT Developments, the housebuilder that saw its shares halved after a profits warning in July, disclosed the extent of its losses yesterday and said that it had breached one of the covenants on its loans.

The group made a pre-tax loss of £106 million against profits of £30.2 million for the year to end-June. Turnover fell from £580 million to £466 million and there were £84 million of write-offs. The loss per share was 51.7p against earnings of 10.8p and there is no final dividend.

Barratt has renegotiated its net asset covenant with its UK banks and is talking to its American bankers. Sir Lawrie Barratt, the group's chairman, said there were no plans for a rights issue, and he detailed asset sales that would reduce borrowings and take the gearing ratio from 93 per cent to below 50 per cent. The group's stock of land and work in progress after provisions amounted to £379 million.

The group made losses of £50 million in southern England and £39 million in the US, including writedowns on the value of land and stocks. This was offset by profits from the rest of the UK. The Luton and Salford subsidiaries have been closed resulting in the loss of 200 jobs. Divisions in Los Angeles and Washington DC were also closed, as was the subsidiary established in France two years ago.

Sir Lawrie, who has returned from retirement, said that a difficult market existed throughout the year in the UK, with 4,963 completions compared with 5,950 the previous year. He said the write-offs against the value of land and stock had not been made earlier because in March the housing market had showed signs of recovery, but it proved to be a false dawn.

The housing market in southern California was also difficult, with only 523 completions achieved against 780 the previous year.

The group plans to reduce its number of completed housing stocks and part-exchange houses. It has sold 40 per cent of the 1,100 houses, which were swapped by purchasers of new Barratt homes, since the year end.

Sir Lawrie said that Mark Frazier, chairman of the group's American division, had been asked by the rest of the board to tender his resignation and had done so last week. Compensation for both Mr Frazier and the former chief executive, John Swanson, has not yet been fixed. Barratt's shares rose 4p to 54p.

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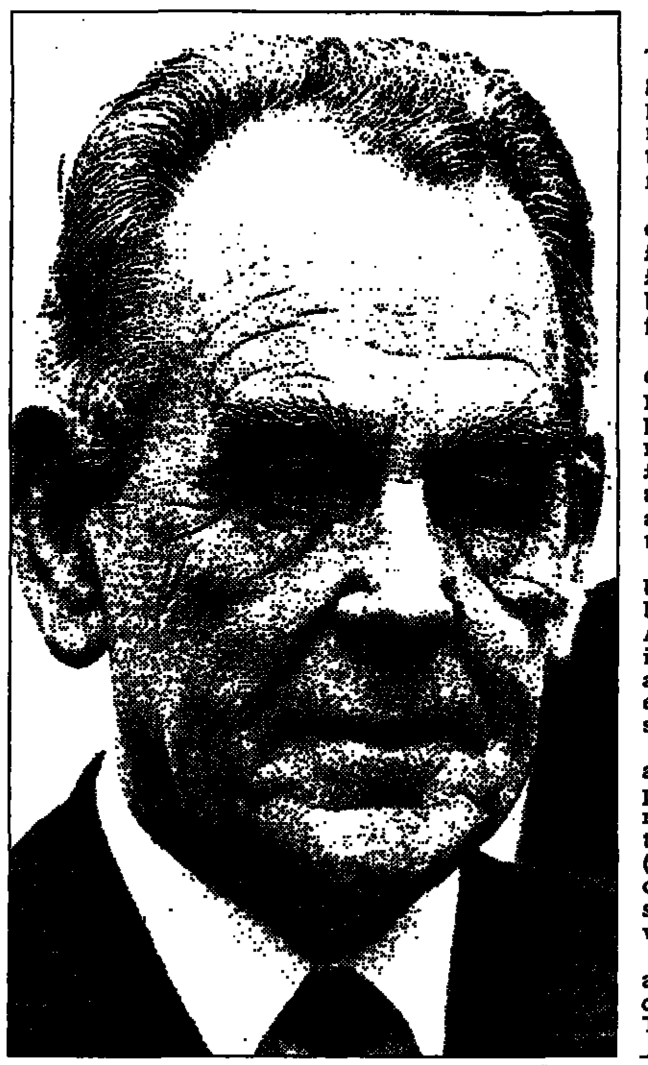

Home from home: Sir Lawrie Barratt, recalled

Travis and Redland are hit by recession

By OUR CITY STAFF

TWO more building-related groups have turned in lower pre-tax profits for the six months to end-June, blaming the weakness of the housing markets and the recession.

Redland's pre-tax profits eased from £108 million to £78.8 million on a turnover of £684 million (£776 million), but the group emphasised its financial position was sound.

Gerald Corbett, finance director, said gearing was 14 per cent compared with 33.6 per cent at December 31. The reduction was helped by the £280 million March cash call, and he added Redland had the ability to make more acquisitions in a depressed sector.

The group reports strong business in eastern Germany, but said Australia, Britain and America were weak. Redland is holding its interim dividend at 8.25p, paid out of net earnings of 13.1p (23.3p) a share.

Travis Perkins, the timber and builders' merchant, saw pre-tax profits fall from £13.7 million to £5.4 million on a turnover of £156 million (£178 million). The interim dividend is held at 2.5p a share, though net earnings were 3.8p (9.1p) a share.

It could be some time before any sustained increase in construction activity occurs, Travis Perkins says.

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

United Newspapers falls 32% to £38.6m

INTENSIVE cost-cutting and a concerted disposal and closure programme failed to rescue United Newspapers, the publisher of the *Daily* and *Sunday Express*, from a 32 per cent slump in pre-tax profits to £38.6 million in the first half of the year. Lord Stevens of Ludgate, the chairman, did not expect an upturn in the rest of the year, but said that the reduction in costs would improve profits. The interim dividend is being held at 7.5p.

The first-half figures included £4 million in rationalisation costs, although there was also a £2.3 million gain from disposals. Altogether, 18 magazines were sold in the half year and another 12 closed.

Polly Peck stake cut

POLLY Peck International administrators have agreed to sell a stake in Sansui Electric of Japan to Hong Kong's Grande Holdings. Tatsuya Inamiya, Sansui president, said in Tokyo. The administrators had not disclosed the size of the stake but Mr Inamiya said it was less than a third of PPI's 72 per cent holding.

Ruling forces BTR bids

THE Australian Securities Commission has ruled that BTR will have to bid for the minority shareholdings in Hawker de Havilland and Westinghouse Brake and Signal, Hawker Siddeley's Australian subsidiaries, within a month of securing 20 per cent or more of Hawker under its £1.5 billion offer.

Fairbriar difficulties

ADMINISTRATORS have been appointed at Fairbriar, the troubled housebuilder and commercial property developer in southern England, following a request by the group's directors. The company said it continued to trade, and talks on restructuring the group's finances were being pursued.

In February, Remo Dipre, chairman, announced a pre-tax loss of £3.2 million for the six months to end-September 1990 (£3.3 million profit). The interim dividend was passed (1.25p). The shares remain suspended at 8p.

Swedish buy at Unilever

Unilever, the Anglo-Dutch foods group, has bought the remaining 50 per cent of Margarinbolaget of Sweden from Aritmos for Fl 245 million (£74.5 million). Unilever expects full ownership of the company will help to develop its food interests in northern Europe. Margarinbolaget has annual sales of Fl 500 million.

Malaya rises on approach

SHARES in Malaya Group rose 9p to 30p after the distributor of Porsche and Mercedes cars received a bid approach. Colin Giltrap, the New Zealand entrepreneur, owns almost half the shares. Malaya suffered losses of £189,000 after tax in the six months to the end of March (losses of £71,000). There is again no dividend.

Showdown in HK

MEMBERS of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange last night rejected a reform package imposed by the colony's Securities and Futures Commission, forcing a showdown between the exchange and the regulatory watchdog.

The SFC is expected to use its statutory powers to change the exchange's constitution and remove its ability to declare dividends or issue bonus shares. If the SFC decides to use its powers under section 50 of the SFC Ordinance, the status of the exchange could be altered by October 6.

COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

ANTOFAGASTA (Int) Pre-tax: £9.6m (£14.6m) EPS: 25p (38p) Div: 6p (6p) Turnover: £27.9m (£26m)	Improved results from the railway helped to offset lower copper prices and reduced economic activity in Chile. Group has a wide range of interests in Chile.
CLARKSON (HORACE) Pre-tax: £6.14m (£6.22m) EPS: 15.7p (18.9p) Div: 2.75p (2.75p) Sales: £23.9m (£25.1m)	Interim results. The board reports that, on current trends, it appears unlikely that the full-year profits will exceed 1990's.
WORLD OF LEATHER (Int) Pre-tax: £41,000 EPS: 0.5p (LPS: 3.3p) Div: Nil Turnover: £13m (£12.6m)	Last time's loss was £408,000. Board reports that sales since the half year have continued to be ahead of same period of last year and margins remain higher.
BILSTON & BATTERSEA Pre-tax: Loss £52,000 LPS: 0.9p (EPS: 3.4p) Div: Nil (1.75p) Turnover: £1.61m (£2.2m)	Interim results. Last time's profit was £222,000. Effect of destocking now appears to be coming to an end with sales for third quarter showing some improvement.
ELECO (Fin) Pre-tax: £3.35m (£6.12m) EPS: 7.3p (13.6p) Div: 2.3p, mkg 4.6p	Last time's total dividend was 6.2p. Extraordinary debit of £459,000 (£3.91m). Net gearing reduced to 75.5% (95.6%).
HAMPDEN HOMECARE Pre-tax: £175,000 EPS: 0.77p (0.67p) Div: 0.2p (0.2p)	Interim results. Last time's profit was £154,000. Turnover grew to £11.8m (£9.98m). Company remains committed to expansion in Eire.
McLAUGHLIN & HARVEY Pre-tax: Loss £4.9m LPS: 75.5p (1.3p) Div: Nil (3.25p)	Interim results. Last time's loss was £257,000. Writedown of construction work in progress of £2.78m and bad debts debit of £1.28m.
WHATMAN (Int) Pre-tax: £4.37m (£5.02m) EPS: 12.83p (15p) Div: 2.9p (2.5p)	Full-year profits expected to be below 1990. Turnover rose to £25.9m (£23.4m). Interest charge of £266,000 (£354,000 credit).
HAY (NORMAN) (Int) Pre-tax: £85,000 EPS: 0.4p (1.8p) Div: 0.5p (0.5p)	Last time's profit was £413,000. Turnover fell to £5.57m (£6.38m). Action taken to improve profits will not be felt in short term.

Ibstock profit slumps to £7.2m in first half

By COLIN CAMPBELL

IBSTOCK Johnsen, the bricks and wood pulp group in which Bowater has a 4.8 per cent stake, saw pre-tax profits slump from £22.2 million to £7.2 million in the six months to end-June. Ibstock blames the setback on industry excess capacity and price erosion and says the immediate outlook for the British building industry remains uncertain.

Next year should bring some relief, but the recovery will be slow. Pre-tax profits are shown after an undisclosed payment for compensation, thought to be less than £350,000, relating to Richard Boxall, the former joint managing director, who retired five years early at the age of 55 in February.

As forecast at the time of Ibstock's rights issue in April, the interim dividend is held at 2.25p, declared on earnings per share of 1.97p (6.71p).

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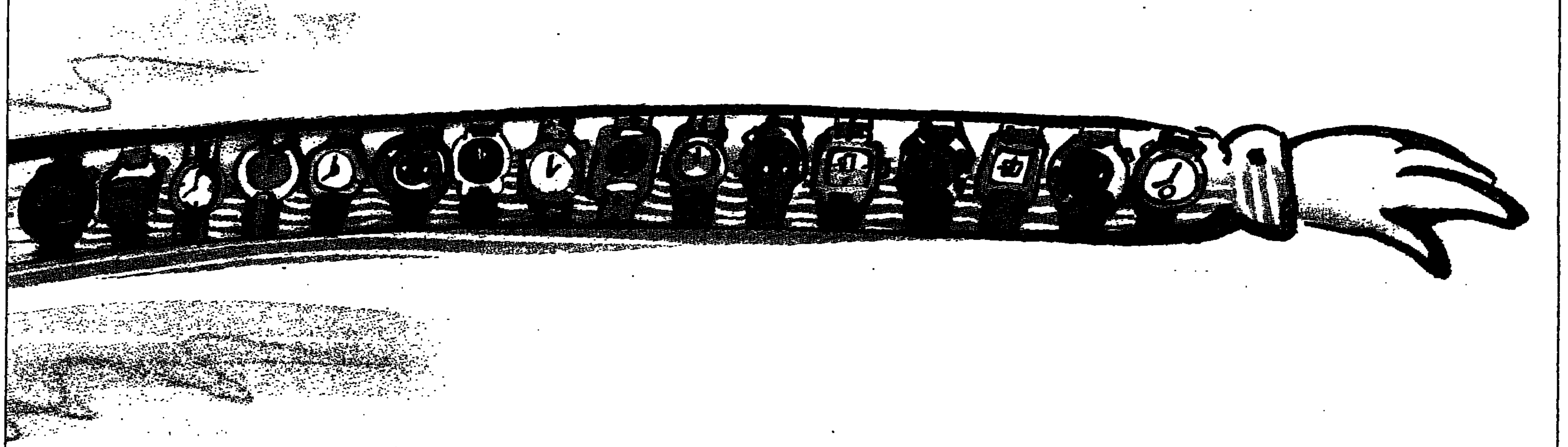

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ICI readies itself for the battle

COMMENT

Sir John Harvey-Jones used to say that holding down the top post in ICI was a job for at least one-and-a-half men. His successor, Sir Denys Henderson, agrees but, unlike Sir John, has decided to do something about it.

The appointment of Ronnie Hampel as chief operating officer is a carefully calculated move which leaves Sir Denys as both chairman and chief executive but spreads some of his work load on to the highly capable Mr Hampel's desk. By a coincidence of timing, the move was announced on the day that British Aerospace handed over its chair, albeit on a temporary basis, to Sir Graham Day, who sits on many boards and will attempt the heroic task of leading BAe while, at the same time, retaining his jobs at PowerGen, Cadbury Schweppes and several others besides.

Sir Graham would be the first to admit that his appointment is not an ideal one, forced on the board by what it saw as a greater necessity to replace its former head, Sir Roland Smith. The contrast between the two moves could not be greater and raises the issue of why two of Britain's largest companies should see their board composition in such differing ways. Of the two approaches, there is no question that ICI's is by far the most sound and likely to lead to superior corporate governance and overall company performance.

ICI is now suffering as any cyclical business suffers at the trough of its industrial cycles. But its long-term success in a global industry is bound up with the development of a board of strong executive directors, steeped in their businesses and with a well-developed collegiate culture.

BAe, meanwhile, had a part-time chairman of great determination and experience in running companies. But nothing Sir Roland had attempted in the past was half so complex as BAe and he had little experience of line management in heavyweight international electronics, defence and motor manufacturing rather than motor component industries. ICI's appointment beefs up its chairman's ability to keep track of the crucial restructuring programme, implemented in advance of the Hanson stakebuilding episode, without appearing to downgrade its top man as a simple split of the chairman and chief executive roles would have done. Such a split could have provided ammunition for Hanson in any future attempt to increase its influence over ICI.

Mr Hampel's appointment is a step that Sir Denys was planning. But he is frank in his admission that Hanson's intervention in ICI has, perhaps, hastened the decision by three months or so. It is both a recognition that Sir Denys's role as a strategist and his duties in public affairs have become more demanding.

In any future attempt by Hanson at taking over ICI, Sir Denys will be better able to tackle the tasks of lobbying in high places, conducting the defence and presenting the ICI case to leading shareholders and other special interest groups.

BAe must look longingly at ICI's breadth and depth of homegrown executive talent, though direct comparisons are not strictly appropriate in a company which not many years ago was part of the civil service.

Those who know Dick Evans and Dudley Eustace well say that BAe's chief executive and finance director are as able as any in the private sector. But unlike ICI, several of whose executive board members are credible candidates for the top job at some future date, BAe has no obvious inhouse executive successor for Sir Roland. Capable non-executives are all important but are not a substitute for strength in depth. But, during the period when BAe is growing a new generation of top managers below the board level, it badly needs a full-time executive superman to take over from Sir Graham. It should spare no effort and expense in the search.

Pop music

These are stirring times for shareholders in Racal Electronics. The core of the business has received a £732 million takeover offer from Williams Holdings. And their newly-demerged interests in Vodafone, formerly Racal Telecom, are now being regarded as a likely candidate for another bid.

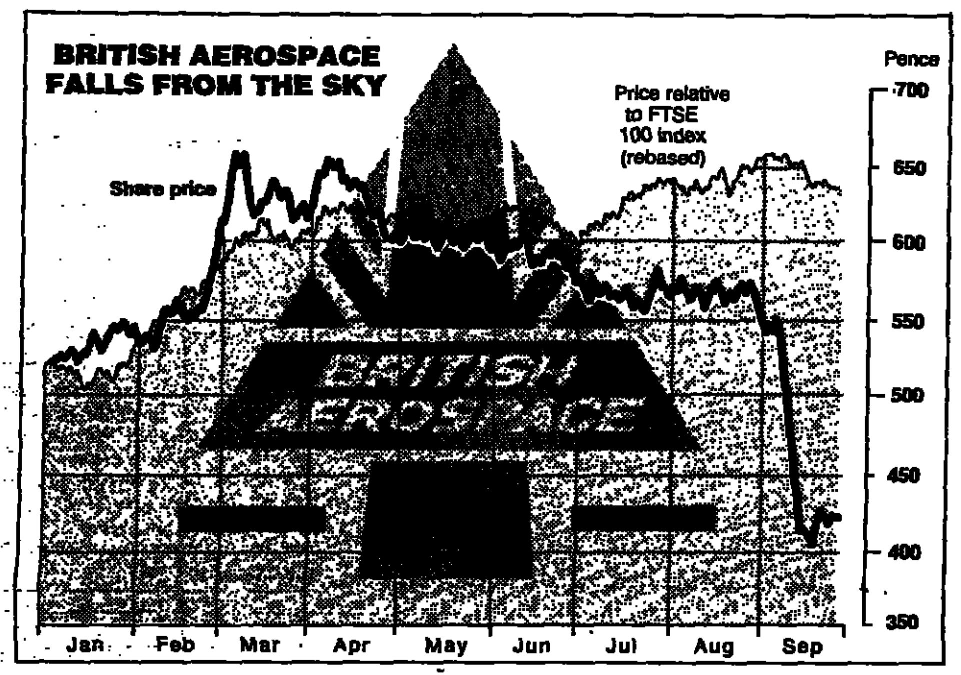
The trigger for the latest outbreak of bid speculation was an offer for Metro Mobile by Bell Atlantic on terms which make the current stock market valuation of Vodafone look on the mean side of fair. Since most cellular telephone companies in the United States are still in the phase of heavy investment in setting up their networks of base stations and, therefore, incurring substantial losses, the usual investment yardsticks of yield and earnings per share are not applicable.

Industry analysts have, instead, devised another benchmark, market capitalisation expressed in terms of potential customers within the areas covered by a company's cellphone licence areas — otherwise known as price per pop. The terms of the Metro Mobile deal equate to a price per pop of $213, whereas Vodafone trades at less than $120 per pop. Yet Vodafone is a great deal more attractive to a bidder wishing to raise its profile in the growing business of cellular telephony.

Metro trades at ten times its annual sales while Vodafone's capitalisation is more like six times sales. Applying the terms of the Metro bid to Vodafone suggests a share price of 700p against the current market price of 373p.

Boardroom struggle puts focus on BAe's deep-seated problems

Graham Searjeant looks at the challenge facing the successor to Sir Roland Smith



THE City was mollified by the fall of Professor Sir Roland Smith from his part-time chairmanship of British Aerospace. The group's management was relieved at the result of the internal power struggle, but the deep-seated problems of a group that looks undercapitalised and undermanaged to be *Britain's biggest engineering* combine have only been thrown into sharper relief.

A price had to be paid for the shock delivered on September 11, when the group asked shareholders for £430 million of new capital while telling them that 1991 operations might produce losses of up to £100 million, instead of the expected £280 million profits.

Fund managers who had bought the shares when they rose on the back of the Gulf war had some explaining to do. BAe's market value had fallen more than a quarter, roughly £400 million, in a month. Broking analysts who had helped sell them the stock faced a day of wrathful recriminations.

They blamed the company for being economical with the truth. In April, BAe expected profits to fall in the first half but recover later on. Nothing had been done to let the analysts know this was not going to happen until BAe's directors put their names to the rights issue profit forecast. That appears to have started at about £220 million but had sunk to £150 million before £250 million of exceptional costs when the moment of truth came.

That Sir Roland's blood was let, rather than that of executive directors who have "the full support" of Sir Graham Day, the interim chairman, is no accident. Bad blood had been growing in the boardroom.

Although part-time and paid largely as a consultant rather than as an employee, Sir Roland was the boss in the company just as Lord King is boss of British Airways or Lord Tombs is at Rolls-Royce, but the professor was a good deal more part-time.

There were other complaints. Deals that had seemed vital faltered, including a German link in the cut-throat short-haul airliner business and a French link in missiles.

Critics question whether the group has gone far and fast enough

Discontent spread from executive to non-executives after it emerged in the spring that Sir Roland had mounted a personal initiative to try to set up a merger with Trafalgar House, the conglomerate centred on process engineering, property and upmarket leisure. It was an unlikely idea.

Sir Roland had been installed in 1987, partly to introduce new thinking in a business geared to government business and not long out of the state sector. A switch away from defence was the greatest long-term priority, along with rationalisation of the existing business and the capability to offer complete defence systems. Many of the inmates in the cages rattled by Sir Roland and were not happy.

The share of defence sales fell from 69 to 42 per cent in four years, but the group's profits still come overwhelmingly from defence. That is partly due to the coincidence of recessions in international travel and the British motor and property businesses, but any doubts over such diversifications were reinforced. The Rover deal between Sir Roland and the government looked wonderful in the short term, providing profits and cash flow when needed at a knockdown price.

The picture is now muddier. In the slump-hit first half of this year, the motor division made a £45 million loss. Cash is also being spent to complete the new model range and position the group in market niches nearer to Volvo or BMW.

The acquisition of Arlington, the property group, also looks as strategically questionable as it was expensive. BAe needed expertise to release the potential of the vast and valuable array of unneeded sites left after rationalisation of its original businesses. This could have been achieved in other ways, for instance by strategic alliance with a prime property development group. Arlington's own development programme is proving an unwelcome liability.

In its original businesses, BAe is in the middle of a rationalisation programme scheduled to cost £300 million this year and further sums in 1992 and 1993. Critics still question whether the group has gone far and fast enough and, more fundamentally, whether the culture of management down the line has yet changed sufficiently to achieve maximum efficiency.

The group's finances have also been flattered. Lack of capital has been made good by advance payments on the crucial Al Yamamah contract with Saudi Arabia, which is closely associated with Dick Evans, the chief executive. The time has now come to deliver. At the same time, BAe is having to build up tools and investment to make the wings for the new generation of big aircraft that should maintain growth in the mid-Nineties for the Airbus consortium, a fifth owned by BAe. The civil aircraft industry requires extensive currency hedging operations, which absorb credit capacity and have involved BAe in complex leasing contracts.

Combined with poor trading, this has exposed the group's reliance on working capital supplied by customers. There was a £700 million deterioration in liquid resources between June 1990 and June 1991. The rights issue will reduce balance sheet loans gearing to an apparently acceptable 36 per cent, but this looks more of a stop-gap measure than a permanent solution.

BAe's stock market value of about £1.2 billion is merely a fraction of the value of leading food retailers with comparable turnover. It looks scarcely enough to support a business with sales of about £10 billion in businesses that often have long production times and are about as far removed from the simplicity of the grocery trade as can be imagined.

Dick Evans and his executive colleagues have plenty on their plate merely coping with the recession and the rationalisation of BAe's disparate businesses. Mr Evans will inevitably play a greater role in the coming months of Sir Graham's interim chairmanship and may revel in greater freedom. There are many deals to be done, and long-term decisions to be made, if BAe is to capitalise on its great technical and market strengths and achieve its strategy in areas such as international defence contracting. To add to this dimension, BAe is likely to need a new, permanent chairman more, rather than less, executive than the professor.

Workers in public sector closing pay gap

PUBLIC sector pay increases are markedly outstripping those in the private sector, according to government figures published yesterday, with rises in local government running even further ahead.

Ministers such as Michael Howard, the employment secretary, have welcomed recent falls in the growth of average earnings, but the scale of the difference between public and private sector pay rises, disclosed in the government's annual *New Earnings Survey*, shows the size of the problem the government faces in the coming pay round in containing pay increases for those employees for whom it is directly responsible.

The NES figures, which differ from the government's monthly earnings index in that they provide a snapshot of actual pay levels in the economy each April, are widely regarded as the most reliable guide to earnings movements and levels across the economy.

They are commonly used as benchmark figures in a range of pay negotiations, and will be used as the basis of negotiations shortly on a pay increase for Britain's 40,000 firefighters. These talks, though, may be complicated by a statistical reclassification of this year's NES figures.

The NES survey figures show that the total average gross weekly earnings of all full-time employees, men and women taken together, were £284.70. This compares with £263.10, an increase of £21.60, or 8.2 per cent.

The NES is the only occasion each year when the government disaggregates public and private sector pay increases, and the survey results show clearly that although public sector pay levels overall are still behind those in the private sector, they are closing the gap with proportionately greater pay rises.

Average weekly earnings in the public sector, taking together men and women and manual and non-manual employees, now stand at £283, compared with £285.40 in the private sector. But the public sector increase over 1990 was 11.1 per cent, compared with 7.2 per cent in the private sector.

Among the other NES results are:

☐ Gender: Women's pay is still lower than men's but increasing more quickly. Male earnings stood at £318.90, and women's at £222.40, but the rise in female earnings was 10.5 per cent, compared to 7.9 per cent for men.

☐ Grade: Earnings for white-collar workers rose by 8.8 per cent to an average of £312.50, while for manual employees they went up by 5.8 per cent to £236.20.

☐ Region: Earnings show marked differences by region. In London, for instance, average weekly earnings now stand at £361.10. In Wales they are £252.20. In the North they are £267.10, and in the West Midlands £261.10.

☐ Occupation: Doctors have lost their traditional top earnings spot this year, among non-manual men at least. Company treasuers and finance managers now head the list, at £708.20 a week, though doctors still head non-manual women's earnings, at £524.50.

Among manual workers, the best-paid were scaffolders, at £349.70, and the worst farmworkers, at £186.70. For women, the highest manual earners were electrical employees, at £251.70, while the worst were petrol pump attendants, at £122.60.

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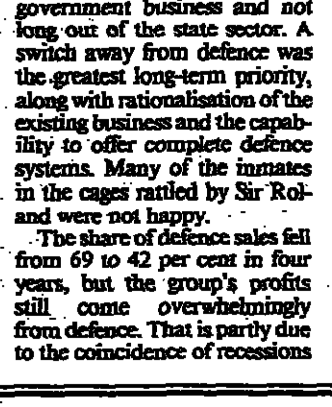
THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Top table sales drive

BARBARIANS At The Gate, the Wall Street book that told the story behind the break-up of RJR Nabisco, will now be nestling alongside a copy of *Victoria and Albert: Life At Osborne House* in the New York home of Henry Kravis, the leveraged buyout expert. Kravis, in London to speak at an awards luncheon at the Savoy Hotel hosted by the British Venture Capital Association, shared a table with the Duchess of York, author of the Osborne book, and revealed that he and other top table guests had bought 100 copies at £18.99 each.

SPORTS council representatives and celebrity sportsmen gathered at the Guildhall to launch the fifth world corporate games, an international, multi-sport festival designed specifically for people employed in the business world. Due to be held in London next year, up to 10,000 executives are expected to take part. Somewhat appropriately, one of the guest speakers was none other than Sir Ralph Halpern, the former Burton chairman, an executive better known for his athleticism than most.



"Can't afford a new Rolls if they pass the dividend"

Out in force

AFTER suffering the indignity last week of being turned away from an analysts' briefing by the public relations company that was hosting it, Richard Lambert, editor of the *Financial Times*, can take considerable solace from the fact that this week the public relations industry more than made it up to him. Speaking at a luncheon for members of the City and financial group of the Institute of Public Relations about the future strategy of the *Financial Times*, Lambert drew a near-record audience of 90 people. In so doing he displaced Bernard Ingham as the City group's second most popular attraction ever, but he nevertheless failed to unseat the long-time holder of the No 1 slot — Lord Wilson of Rievaulx, who spoke to its members in 1983.

Top ranking

WARBURG Securities, ranked No 1 by *Institutional Investor* and No 2 by Extel for its United Kingdom banking team, is hoping to raise its profile in Europe before 1992. It has just recruited Alan Broughton from Morgan Stanley, where he was part of its banking team, ranked top by Extel. "The continental European banks used to be covered by Carla d'Arista but she has now moved to another part of the bank," says David Haysey, a director of Warburg Securities.

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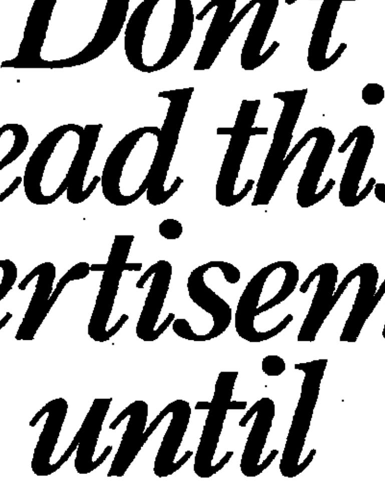

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This is the age of the Euro expert

As companies cut back on graduate recruitment, Widget Finn spots the skills needed for the next round of hiring

TONY WHITE

International approach: Alan Verschoyle-King, right, a recruitment manager, and colleague Riccardo Borsi, who speaks three languages

The trend by many companies to cut back on the employment of college leavers is causing great concern on campuses around the country. But the bad news is tempered by the recruiting of top graduates for international work by a few overseas banks.

A few companies, however, know that if they recruit the cream of the graduates when the choice is wide, they will be in a strong position, with high-quality staff, to take advantage of the economy's eventual upturn.

Such long-term planning is rare, according to Alan Verschoyle-King, Citibank's European recruitment manager. "Many organisations are closing off recruitment, without even keeping their name in front of the students," he says. "Citibank usually recruits about a hundred graduates. This year, our quota is halved, but we are taking the best and asking the colleges to stick with us because our numbers should be up again next year."

The financial sector has been hard-hit by the recession. Gerald Curry, the adviser for the Cambridge University careers service, finds that graduate recruitment in the sector is patchy.

Mr Curry says: "A few merchant banks have kept up their numbers of recruitments while others have dropped alarmingly. BankAmerica, for example, which had become a familiar recruiter on British campuses, is in the process of amalgamating with other multinationals and this tends to halt their recruitment programme."

Many American financial institutions have their European headquarters in Britain, which enables them to maintain a graduate recruitment programme despite the cutbacks caused by the recession in Britain. Citibank's European recruitment is coordinated by Mr Verschoyle-King in its London office.

"We are still recruiting throughout Europe," Mr Verschoyle-King says, "and we offer a range of opportunities from corporate finance and the capital markets to human resources and financial control. Despite a reduction in overall numbers, the spread of recruitment has not been affected."

Riccardo Borsi, who is 23, is fluent in English, Italian and German. His language skills and the banking experience he gained from a holiday job in Milan made him a strong candidate for a career in international finance. His Anglo-Italian background is an added advantage.

Mr Borsi was recruited by Citibank when he graduated from the European Business School in London. An important part of the induction programme at Citibank is to meet and mix with associates from other European countries, making contacts that will stand Mr Borsi in good stead when he becomes a foreign-exchange corporate dealer.

Training with people from other countries is a valuable basis for an international career. Barclays Bank has designed a European management development programme, which is open to all graduates from all European Community countries. They spend a year training in Britain, then are sent to an overseas posting. The bank recruits at careers fairs in Paris and Brussels, selecting mainly candidates with economics, business and finance degrees.

Most organisations recruiting tomorrow's high-flying global managers look to the traditional sources of new graduates from university or business school. For the American bank Chase Manhattan, however, "graduate recruitment" is an outdated term.

Sarah Kelly, the manager for associate recruitment, says: "Since talking to our business managers across Europe, we have developed a new recruitment profile. We are looking for somebody more mature, who has had previous, relevant work experience either in the finance sector or one of the industries the bank is actively interested in. Of course, we also require strong academic qualifications and good numeracy and analytical skills. O-level French or German is not good enough for somebody wanting to do business in another country. Our managers must be multilingual and multicultural."

Like most international finance organisations, Chase Manhattan lists flexibility and mobility as essential qualities for applicants; the first year of training is in New York.

Chase Manhattan's European operation, however, is taking a broader view, and may consider less obvious options, such as the army, accountancy and the legal profession to provide mature recruits who can bring specialist skills to the finance sector.

Ms Kelly is certain other banks will follow this path, raising the age level of their intake and emphasising experience.

Meanwhile, the Chancellor take note: Mr Curry may have an indicator that the end of the recession is at hand. Bookings by employers to do presentations this term in the "milk round" at Cambridge are at least as high as ever and, he says, "the recruitment programme is bulging".

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TV-am down as advertising falls and news costs rise

By Wolfgang Münchau

THE advertising recession, higher costs resulting from news operations and increased subscription payments to Channel 4 led to a fall in pre-tax profits at TV-am, the breakfast television station, which is awaiting next month's decision on whether it will retain its profitable television licence.

Pre-tax profits in the six months to end-July fell from £11.6 million to £6.7 million. This was a direct result of a fall in advertising revenue to £39.6 million from £41.4 million. In addition, the company estimated that the Gulf war and other large news events had added about £1.2 million to costs.

TV-am's subscriptions to Channel 4 have risen by £1.4 million. The subscriptions level is determined by a formula by which companies pay 17 per cent of the previous year's advertising revenue towards Channel 4. The rise in TV-am's subscription resulted from the strong earnings performance in its last financial year, during which pre-tax profits were £26 million.

The fall in advertising revenue during the first six months was relatively slight because of TV-am's greater exposure to advertising of fast-moving consumer goods, which tends be relatively stable during recessions.

Bruce Gyngell, the chairman, said yesterday: "In a challenging and difficult time, we outperformed the industry while experiencing no growth in turnover. Our news operation had a distinguished six months. Coverage of the Gulf war was a highlight of the half year in programme and operational terms, with TV-am capturing its highest audience ever during the first week of hostilities. Inevitably, events such as these had an impact on our financial performance." Despite the fall in earnings, the interim dividend was maintained at 4p per share.

The company said that the outlook for the current six months was "very promising". There has been speculation that TV-am might be outbid for its franchise by two rivals, and that in this event, the company was considering alternative strategies. TV-am has been reported to have proposed moving its breakfast show to Channel 4.

Gulf coverage a highlight: Bruce Gyngell, of TV-am

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	Series	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Oct	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
Alld Lyons (*626)	550	90	105	119	5	15	19
	600	48	75	85	14	29	35
	650	25	50	61	42	56	59
ASDA (*62)	50	17	20	23	2½	5	6
	60	8	14	16	6	8	11
	70	4	8	12	12	14	15
Bass (*998)	929	77	-	-	3½	-	-
	977	37	-	-	13	-	-
	1026	12	-	-	42	-	-
Boots (*425)	390	43	50	62	2	7	8
	420	16	28	42	7	16	19
	460	2½	12	22	35	40	42
Br Airways (*183)	160	26	29	34	½	4½	6½
	180	9	15	22	5	11	13
	200	3	7	12	19	23	25
BP (*336)	300	43	46	49	1	2½	5
	330	13¾	23	28	4	9½	13½
	360	2	9	14	23	26	29
Br Steel (*132)	120	14	15	18	1	3	5
	130	7	9	12½	4	6½	8½
	140	2	4½	8	10½	14	15
C & W (*577)	500	83	93	-	1½	4½	-
	550	35	55	72	5	14	21
	600	7	26	44	28	37	43
CU (*508)	460	54	68	-	1½	4½	-
	500	20	38	46	7	14	22
	550	2	13	21	45	45	49
Courtauld (*467)	420	53	63	76	1½	6	9
	460	20	35	49	8	17	20
	500	4½	17	30	34	38	39
GKN (*381)	330	55	64	68	1	4	9½
	360	28	42	48	4	11	20
	390	8	24	30	16	23	34
Grand Met (*805)	800	28	57	73	13	32	42
	850	8	32	49	45	60	68
	900	2	17	32	95	96	100
ICI (*1299)	1250	70	117	135	9	27	46
	1300	37	84	102	26	45	95
	1350	14¾	59	75	55	70	95
Kingfisher (*544)	500	47	65	80	3	10	14
	550	12	34	49	19	28	33
	600	2	14	28	60	62	65
Ladbroke (*260)	249	19	26	32	4½	9½	14
	268	6½	16	22	15	19	24
	287	2½	8½	14	29	32	35
Land Sec (*536)	460	84	87	97	1	2	3½
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Sainsbury (*346)	326	25	35	-	2	6½	-
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	800	7	27	45	48	55	60
	850	1½	13	28	97	97	100
Storehse (*114)	100	17	20	22	1½	4	6
	110	8	12	15	4	7	9
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Trafalgar (*240)	211	33	39	-	2	8	-
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Utd Bisc (*398)	360	41	47	54	1½	5½	10
	390	14	24	34	7½	13	21
	420	4	13	20	30	32	39

	Series	Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Calls May	Puts Nov	Puts Feb	Puts May
BAA (*455)	390	75	79	-	1½	4	-
	420	47	55	67	4	8	14
	460	20	31	43	17	25	29
BAT Ind (*665)	600	77	96	105	3	7	12
	650	37	59	69	12	19	27
	700	10½	31	43	40	45	49
	750	3	14	25	90	90	90
BTR (*413)	390	33	43	50	5	10	16
	420	13	26	32	16	24	29
	460	2½	11	15½	52	52	55
Br Aero (*429)	390	42	56	59	7½	11	20
	420	21	37	41	19	24	34
	460	7½	21	25	45	48	57
Br Telecm (*392)	360	42	47	57	3	7	9
	390	19	27	37	9	18	20
	420	5½	14	23	28	33	35
Cadbury (*416)	390	40	52	55	9	13	20
	420	24	34	40	20	25	32
	460	10	18	23	48	50	57
Guinness (*1027)	950	95	122	135	5½	13	22
	1000	55	86	103	16	28	38
	1050	27	57	75	39	48	60
GEC (*193)	180	18	21	26	2	4½	6
	200	5½	9½	14	10	13	14
	220	2	3½	7	28	28	28
Hanson (*228)	200	32	35	37	1	3	5
	220	14½	19	23	3½	9½	11½
	240	4	8	13	14	21	23
LASMO (*307)	300	22	33	35	9	14	19
	330	7	17	24	28	31	34
	360	3	7½	13	55	55	55
Lucas (*148)	140	11	16	20	6	8½	9½
	160	4½	7	11	19	21	22
	180	1½	3	5½	37	38	38
P & O (*506)	472	47	65	-	5	12	-
	519	18	37	44	25	30	44
	566	5	17	23	45	64	72
Pilkington (*151)	140	18	22	27	3½	7	9
	160	7	12	17	13	17	20
	180	2½	5½	9½	30	32	35
Prudential (*250)	240	19	26	30	5	7½	10½
	260	7½	16½	19½	15	19	22
	280	2½	8	11	33	33	35
Racal Elec (*55)	51	7½	10	-	2½	4½	-
	55	4½	-	-	4½	-	-
	60	3	4	-	6½	8	-
RTZ (*558)	500	71	87	93	3	7	13½
	550	30	50	58	14	22	32
	600	9	26	32	44	45	46
Scot New (*413)	360	60	65	-	1¼	5	-
	390	35	42	55	5½	12	15
	420	14	25	36	17	26	29
Tesco (*248)	240	18	25	30	4½	6½	9
	260	7	14	19	14	17	18
	280	3	8	12	32	33	33
Thames W. (*375)	350	33	42	-	2½	6	-
	370	19	27	-	7	12	-
	400	6	11	-	27	30	-
Vodafone (*373)	330	52	60	-	3	6	-
	360	30	42	-	8	13	-
	390	13	23	-	20	28	-

	Series	Oct	Jan	Apr	Oct	Jan	Apr
Fisons (*452)	420	34	47	-	3	9	-
	460	9	24	35	17¾	28	32
	500	1½	10	20	55	56	59

	Series	Sep	Dec	Mar	Sep	Dec	Mar
Abbey Nat. (*303)	280	35	42	44	2½	7	9
	300	19	28	31	8	13	16
	330	5	13	17	28	30	32
Amstrad (*49)	45	8	10	12	3	4½	4½
	50	5½	7½	9½	4½	6	8½
	60	2¼	4½	6	13	14	15
Barclays (*457)	420	52	63	66	4½	10	14
	460	24	37	42	17	25	30
	500	9	18	24	45	50	53
Blue Circ (*263)	240	31	39	43	4	8	11
	260	17	27	31	10½	15	18
	280	8	17	22	23	27	30
Br Gas (*278)	240	46	49	-	1½	3½	-
	260	28	31	35	3½	6½	8
	280	14	19	24	9½	14	16
Dixons (*248)	240	22	29	38	8½	12	15
	260	12	19	28	18	22	25
	280	6	12	18	33	34	37
Eurotunnel (*538)	460	95	120	-	9	20	-
	500	65	85	110	17	30	40
	550	35	63	85	43	55	65
Forte (*275)	260	24	32	37	6	9	11
	280	10	21	26	15	18	20
	300	4½	12	16	30	31	32
Glaxo (*1339)	1300	107	145	183	29	47	57
	1350	78	115	155	50	67	77
	1400	54	87	127	77	92	108
Hawker (*753)	550	205	205	-	1	2	-
	600	155	157	-	2	3	-
	650	105	110	-	4	6	-
Hillsdown (*230)	220	25	32	-	6	8	-
	240	12	19	24	14	17	21
	260	5	12	15	30	30	32
Lonrho (*246)	220	35	38	40	3	7½	9½
	240	19	23	26	7	16	18
	260	8	13	17	18	28	31
Midland (*254)	220	44	50	-	3	6	-
	240	28	36	42	7	12	15
	260	15	24	31	14	21	24
Reuter (*971)	800	198	218	-	6	13	-
	850	153	178	-	10	22	-
	900	113	140	158	20	35	45
	950	77	108	128	37	54	64
R-Royce (*146)	130	22	26	27	2½	5½	7
	140	14	19	21	4½	9	11
	160	5¼	9	12	15½	20	22
Sears (*94)	80	19	21	23	2	3	5
	90	11	14	17	4	6	8½
	100	5½	8	10	10	11	12
Thorn EMI (*792)	700	106	115	-	4	7	-
	750	64	75	92	10	19	23
	800	31	45	62	30	38	42
	850	11	24	40	62	67	73
TSB (*146)	130	21½	24	26½	1½	3	4½
	140	13½	16½	19	3½	6½	8
	160	4	7	10	15	17	19
Vaal Reefs (*$63)	60	8½	10½	13	4½	7½	8
	70	4½	6½	9	10½	14	17
Wellcome (*741)	650	106	126	-	8	16	-
	700	69	92	112	21	30	35
	750	40	64	84	43	52	57

	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
Eastrn Elec (*186)	160	29	33	35	1½	3½	5
	180	13	18	22	6	10	13
	200	4	8	13	17	23	25

	Series	Sep	Dec	Mar	Sep	Dec	Mar
Nat Power (*167)	130	40	42	-	1½	2	-
	140	30	32	35	2	3½	4
	160	14	17	22	5½	8	10
Scot Power (*116)	100	19	-	-	1½	-	-
	110	12	14½	17	3	5	6
	120	5½	9	11	7½	10	11

FT-SE INDEX (*£2597)

	2500	2550	2600	2650	2700	2750
Calls						
Sep	117	68	20	2½	½	½
Oct	140	99	64	35	18½	9
Nov	169	129	93	65	42	27
Dec	188	151	119	91	66	46
Jun	290	-	220	-	165	-
Puts						
Sep	½	1½	10	55	105	155
Oct	11	21	37	65	102	149
Nov	25	35	52	75	108	151
Dec	34	45	64	85	117	157
Jun	80	-	115	-	170	-

September 26, 1991 Total: 27069 Calls 16179 Puts 10890 FT-SE: Calls 2930 Puts 2047

*Underlying security price.

Defending bid sent Frogmore into loss

By Neil Bennett

FROGMORE Estates paid out £1.86 million to defend itself against the failed bid from Southend Property last summer. The cost pushed the company to a retained loss of £1.05 million in the year to end-June.

At the pre-tax level, Frogmore's profits slumped 73 per cent to £7.11 million due to the recession. The fall in property values cut the group's net assets per share by 14 per cent to 449p.

Despite the fall, the group is increasing its final dividend by 13 per cent to 10.6p, to make 13.8p for the year.

David Wilmot, the finance director, said that Frogmore has up to £100 million to invest to take advantage of any recovery in the property market. The group is looking for properties worth £5 million to £25 million, and is particularly interested in the industrial market.

During the past year, Frogmore embarked on a concerted disposal programme to pay off its debts. Borrowings of £41 million at the start of the year were converted into net cash of £600,000 by the end.

The disposals, and a 12 per cent fall in property values, reduced the group's commercial portfolio by almost a third to £133 million. The group incurred a loss of £3.8 million on the sales, compared with trading profits of £2.3 million the previous year.

Profits were underpinned by net rents of £15.5 million, up 8 per cent, and an unchanged contribution of £1.8 million from housing sales.

Mr Wilmot said the figures justified Frogmore's defence against Southend's bid. "Frogmore is now ungeared, has assured income and is open to all the possibilities now available in the property market," he said.

Yule Catto advances to £9.87m

YULE Catto, the speciality chemicals and building products group, is raising its interim dividend to 2.3p (2p) after lifting pre-tax profits from £9.39 million to £9.87 million in the six months to end-June.

Sales were ahead at £127.4 million (£118.4 million). Earnings per share rise 16 per cent to 7.2p, up from 6.2p.

Taxable profits from the speciality chemicals division were £8.45 million (£7.49 million), and from the building products division £3.9 million (£3.05 million). Agriculture and land incurred a £5,000 loss (£987,000 profit).

TEMPUS

Hillsdown cash call keeps City guessing

SIR Harry Solomon, chairman of Hillsdown, is behaving out of character. Here is a man who has never been frightened of using debt to expand his business. Now, as base rates are declining, he is running for cover, in the form of a heavy rights issue.

Hillsdown's excuses for a £281 million cash call are limp. Yes, the company has just subscribed Can$126 million (£64 million) for a rights issue at Maple Leaf Foods, its 56 per cent-owned Canadian subsidiary. This, however, is merely an internal cash transfer and does not affect overall group debt.

Otherwise, Hillsdown's £400 million debt pile looks manageable. The group has already said it will pay off by the end of the year the Can$300 million it shouldered when it bought its stake in Maple Leaf. The proceeds of the rights will cut gearing from about 55 per cent to 15 per cent, leaving it looking suspiciously underborrowed.

If Sir Harry has not become afraid of debt, then his comments on acquisitions are revealing. The group is looking for small to medium additions to its main food business. Sir Harry labels any company worth less than £100 million as being in this range, so a pair of these would quickly use up the new funds.

The City denounced the rights issue as opportunistic. The shares fell 26p to 230p, only 20p above the rights price, and will fall again today when they go ex-rights. The move has also cost the group some of its supporters. Hillsdown's earnings per share have fallen for two successive years, from 30.7p in 1989 to an estimated 22.5p this year. This latest issue means they are unlikely to see much recovery in 1992.

Hillsdown has survived the recession better than many, and invested heavily in its food manufacturing operations. The group will receive a better reception once it reveals the true purpose of this rights issue, and sells its peripheral operations.

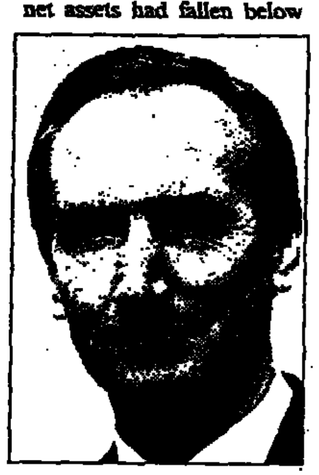
For now, the shares stand on a p/e ratio of 10 on this and next year's profits. When Sir Harry shows his hand, the market may begin to turn.

Barratt

BARRATT Developments, Britain's largest pure housebuilder, reported the first loss in its 33-year history yesterday. But what a loss. Before tax the group lost £106 million in the year to end-June compared with a profit of £30.2 million. There were £84 million of writedowns on the value of land and completed houses in the UK and America.

The group had given a warning in July of its drastic position but yesterday it gave the gruesome details. Turnover fell from £580 million to £466 million, operating profits fell from £55.9 million to £8.1 million, the loss per share was 51.7p against earnings of 10.8p and there is no final dividend. A dividend of 3.21p a share was paid at the interim stage and total dividends last year were 9p.

Sir Lawrie Barratt, who has come out of retirement to head the group, said Barratt had broken one of its key banking covenants when net assets had fallen below £200 million. The UK banks have been supportive and the group is negotiating with its American bankers.



Eaton: gearing a priority

There were £173 million of borrowings at the year end, all short-term and not including £50 million of deferred payments. Gearing is 93 per cent and the group's priority is to reduce this to below 50 per cent.

Sir Lawrie says there are no plans for a rights issue but the City is not ruling out further equity funding.

Despite the restructuring of Barratt's board and businesses, with Frank Eaton as chief executive, a return to previous levels of profitability and gearing is at least two years away. In the UK, 4,963 houses were completed in the year, compared with 5,950. The average price was stable at £78,000 and although sales are marginally up on last year, the market remains difficult.

Nomura is forecasting a £10 million loss for the current year and no dividend. Barratt is not going to go under, but neither will it be in a position to participate fully in the recovery when it comes. The shares, up 4p at 54p, are 20p above their five-year low but investors would do better to invest in more strongly financed housebuilders.

Redland

REDLAND'S off-the-cuff remark that "it is grotty out there" aptly sums up the tough trading period that this diversified construction materials group experienced in the six months to end-June. Half-time turnover fell from £776 million to £684 million and there was a sharp setback in the operating profits earned by overseas associates and by British-owned subsidiaries.

A lower interest charge (£1 million against a previous £6 million) held the fall at the pre-tax level to 27 per cent, compared with a 30 per cent profits tumble at the operating level, and the pre-tax profits outcome was £78.8 million against £108 million.

But for the still-strong markets within eastern Germany, where Redland retains a high market share, group profits would have been lower. Poor new housing and commercial housing market conditions in Britain hit profits at home.

Redland seized a window of opportunity in March to raise £280 million via a one-for-five rights issue and can boast a financial strength that others in its sector must envy. Its maintained interim dividend of 8.25p is, at least, covered by earnings.

Gearing has eased from 33.6 per cent at the last balance sheet date to 14 per cent, interest cover that was already a healthy 21.4 times last June is even higher and Redland has the financial muscle to mop up others in its sector that have their backs against the wall. It was to secure this strength that Redland made its rights issue. There have been ten deals, involving £70 million, since the fundraising.

The gloom that has depressed the interim results will not last for ever and already there are signs of some economic improvement in America. So, while pre-tax profits might land up at about £190 million (£245 million) this year, they could be between £200 million and £260 million in 1992.

Such hopes saw the shares up 5p at 563p yesterday, to trade on 17.8 times prospective 1991 earnings and on 13.8 times 1992 profit hopes. Before a broader economic upturn, hold on.

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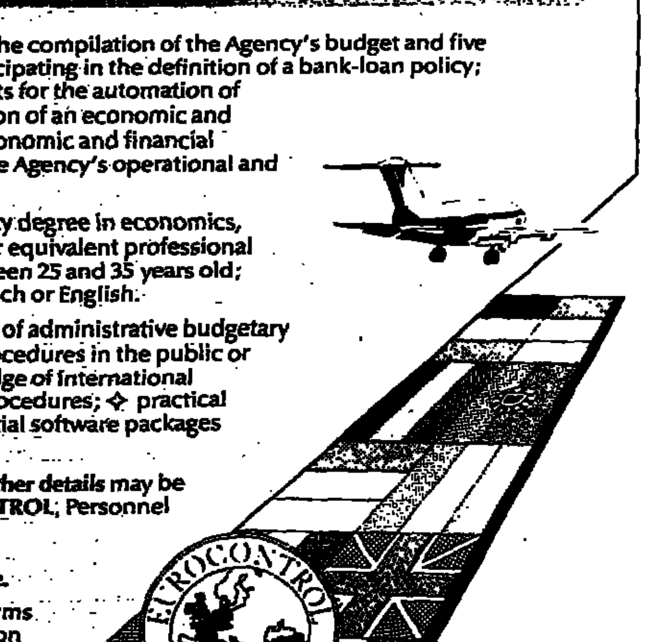

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LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE MATTER OF
THE WELSH HIGHLAND RAILWAY (LIGHT RAILWAY) COMPANY ("the Company")
AND
IN THE MATTER OF
THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
TO ALL CREDITORS AND SHAREHOLDERS OF THE COMPANY

TAKE NOTICE that Ffestiniog Railway Holdings Limited ("Holdings") intends to apply to the Companies Court of the Chancery Division of the High Court of Justice sitting at the Royal Courts of Justice, The Strand, London WC2A 2LL on Monday, the 11th November 1991 at 10.30 in the morning (or so soon thereafter as Counsel for Holdings can be heard) for the following orders:

(1) that the register of shareholders in the Company be rectified by adding thereto the names of the following shareholders and their respective shareholdings:
Lola Flora Cook (formerly MacEwing) 26,446 shares
Thelma Weidman 26,445 shares
Andrew Owen Evans Davies
Gillian Davies
Joseph Anthony Durkin
26,696 shares
(the personal representatives of Ninian Rhys Davies (deceased)) and to the extent that it may be required that the above transmission of shares be validated;

(2) that the transfer of 26,446 £1 shares from Lola Flora Cook (formerly MacEwing) to Holdings be validated;

(3) that the transfer of 26,445 £1 shares from Thelma Weidman to Holdings be validated

(4) that the following transfers of £1 shares from Andrew Owen Evan Davies, Gillian Davies and Joseph Anthony Durkin the personal representatives of Ninian Davies (deceased) be validated:
25,441 to Holdings
250 to Andrew John [illegible]
250 to Leslie
John Walsham Smith
250 to Charles Hugh Eaves
250 to Ernst John Routly
250 to Michael Clifford Hart
1 to Sir Osmond
Williams Bart MC
1 to RJG Rhodes
1 to Henry Trevor Selborn Rally
1 to William Benedict Broadbent
1 to Ernest John Routly

AND EITHER

(5) that it be declared that the claims of the pre liquidation creditors of the Company are statute barred

(6) that the Holdings undertaking to pay the costs of the liquidation all further proceedings in the winding up of the Company be stayed.

(7) alternatively to (5) and (6) above that upon Holdings undertaking to pay the costs of the liquidation all further proceedings in the winding up of the Company be stayed upon such terms as the Court thinks fit.

OR

(8) that no liberty be given to the Official Receiver and Liquidator, as Liquidator of the Company, to dispose of the assets and undertaking of the Company to Gwynedd County Council on the terms as set out in the Official Receiver's Summons dated the 14th June 1990

Any creditor or shareholder wishing to attend the hearing should give notice in writing of such intention to Holdings' solicitors Messrs [illegible] Stanleys of 20 Furnival Street, London EC4A 1BN (ref: CAT/SC 16144) by 4.00 p.m. on Friday the 8th November 1991.

DATED 26th September 1991

INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
No. 5392 of 1991
IN BANKRUPTCY
ABIDA BEGUM SHEIKH of 3 Mandeville Drive, Ditton Hill, Elmbridge, Surrey

I, Malcolm John London, of Cork Gully, Shelley House, 3 Noble Street, London EC2V 7DQ HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that I have been duly appointed Trustee of the above named Bankrupt at a meeting of creditors on 11 September 1991 and my appointment was duly certified by the Official Receiver as chairman of the meeting.

All persons having in their possession any of the assets of the bankrupt must deliver them to me, and all debts due to the bankrupt must be paid to me.

Creditors who have not yet proved their debts must forward their Proofs of Debt to me by 31 December 1991.

Dated this 20th day of September 1991
Malcolm John London
Trustee

LENSLINE LIMITED
REGISTERED OFFICE:
4, Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN
BUSINESS ADDRESS:
Tesco Superstore, Hazelmere Road, Pitsea, Essex, SS1 3JL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held on 9th October, 1991 at 4, Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN at 12.00 noon for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 et seq of the said Act

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington, FIPA of 4, Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98 (2)(a) of the said Act who will furnish Creditors with such information as they may require.

DATED this 20th day of September, 1991.
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
R. VYAS
DIRECTOR

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE NO 9204 OF 1990
In the Matter of
The Insolvency Act, 1986
RE: TERENCE WERNER BOYLE, COLOUR PAINTER OF 30 COLDERSHAW ROAD, LONDON, W13 9DX AND LATELY CARRYING ON BUSINESS AS PRONTOPIX AT 496 FULHAM ROAD, LONDON, SW6 AS A COLOUR PRINTER

I, Paul William Harding of Pannell Kerr Forster, New Guild House, 45 Great Charles Street, Birmingham, B3 2LX, hereby give notice that I have been duly appointed and certified by the Department of Trade as Trustee of the estate of the above named Bankrupt

All persons having in their possession any of the effects of the Bankrupt must deliver them to me and all Debts due to the Bankrupt must be paid to me.

Creditors who have not yet proved their Debts must forward their Proofs of Debts to me

Dated 18th September 1991
PAUL W HARDING
TRUSTEE

In the Matter of
the Insolvency Act 1986
and in the matter of
BARCLAY & SONS LIMITED
and THE GREAT AMERICAN DRUGSTORE LIMITED
(Both in Administrative Receivership and in Liquidation)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Rule 4.106 of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that G J Watts of Touche Ross & Co., P O Box 500, Abbey House, 74 Mosley Street, Manchester M60 2AT and A W D Jack of Parkin S Booth, 44 Old Hall Street, Liverpool L3 9EB were appointed Joint Liquidators of the above named companies on 5 September 1991.

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Abbey House,
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44 Old Hall Street,
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POWERGEN plc
Notice of an Application for Consent to Construct a Combined Cycle Gas Turbine Power Station at Connah's Quay, Clwyd

Notice is hereby given that PowerGen ("the Company") has applied under Section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989 ("the Act") for the consent of the Secretary of State for Energy to construct a Combined Cycle Gas Turbine Power Station at Connah's Quay, Clwyd, and for direction under Section 90(2) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 that planning permission for the development be deemed to be granted.

The new station, to be known as Connah's Quay CCGT, would be built in two phases. The first phase would have a capacity of 900 to 1000 Megawatts (MW). The second phase would increase the total capacity to around 1350MW.

A copy of the application, with a plan showing the land to which it relates, together with a copy of the Environmental Statement and the Supplement to the Environmental Statement discussing the Company's proposals in more detail and presenting an analysis of the environmental implications are available for inspection during normal office hours at the following addresses:

Alyn and Deeside District Council (Planning Department), Civic Centre, Connah's Quay.

Delyn Borough Council (Planning Department) Delyn House, Chapel Street, Flint.

Clwyd County Council (Planning Department), Civic Centre, Mold.

Copies of the Environmental Statement and Supplement are also available for inspection at the public libraries in Connah's Quay and Flint.

In addition, copies of the Environmental Statement and Supplement may be obtained free from Mr I F Jenkins, Project Manager, Commercial Department (New Business Development), TS, PowerGen plc, Haslucks Green Road, Shirley, Solihull, B90 4PD.

Any objections should be made in writing to the Secretary of State for Energy Electricity Division "A" Room 2.5.3, 1 Palace Street, Victoria, London, SW1E 5HE, stating the name of the station and the grounds of objection, not later than 1st November 1991.

S.J. Argent,
Senior Project Engineer

No: 007824 of 1991
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF WEBB GALLERY PLC
and
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on the 11th day of July 1991 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of the capital of the above-named company from £700,050 to £58,710.40 by returning capital which is in excess of the wants of the company.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Honourable Mr. Justice Hoffmann at The Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL on Monday, 7th day of October 1991.

ANY creditor or shareholder of the said company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of capital should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.

A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

Dated this 26th day of September 1991
Ellison & Co.,
Headgate Court,
Head Street,
Colchester CO1 1NP
Ref. MRJ/766401
Solicitor
for the above named Company

INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE NO 5393 OF 1991
IN BANKRUPTCY
SHAUKAT ALI SHEIKH
of 3 Mandeville Drive, Ditton Hill, Elmbridge, Surrey

I, Malcolm John London, of Cork Gully, Shelley House, 3 Noble Street, London EC2V 7DQ HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that I have been duly appointed Trustee of the above named Bankrupt at a meeting of creditors on 11 September 1991 and my appointment was duly certified by the Official Receiver as chairman of the meeting.

All persons having in their possession any of the assets of the bankrupt must deliver them to me, and all debts due to the bankrupt must be paid to me

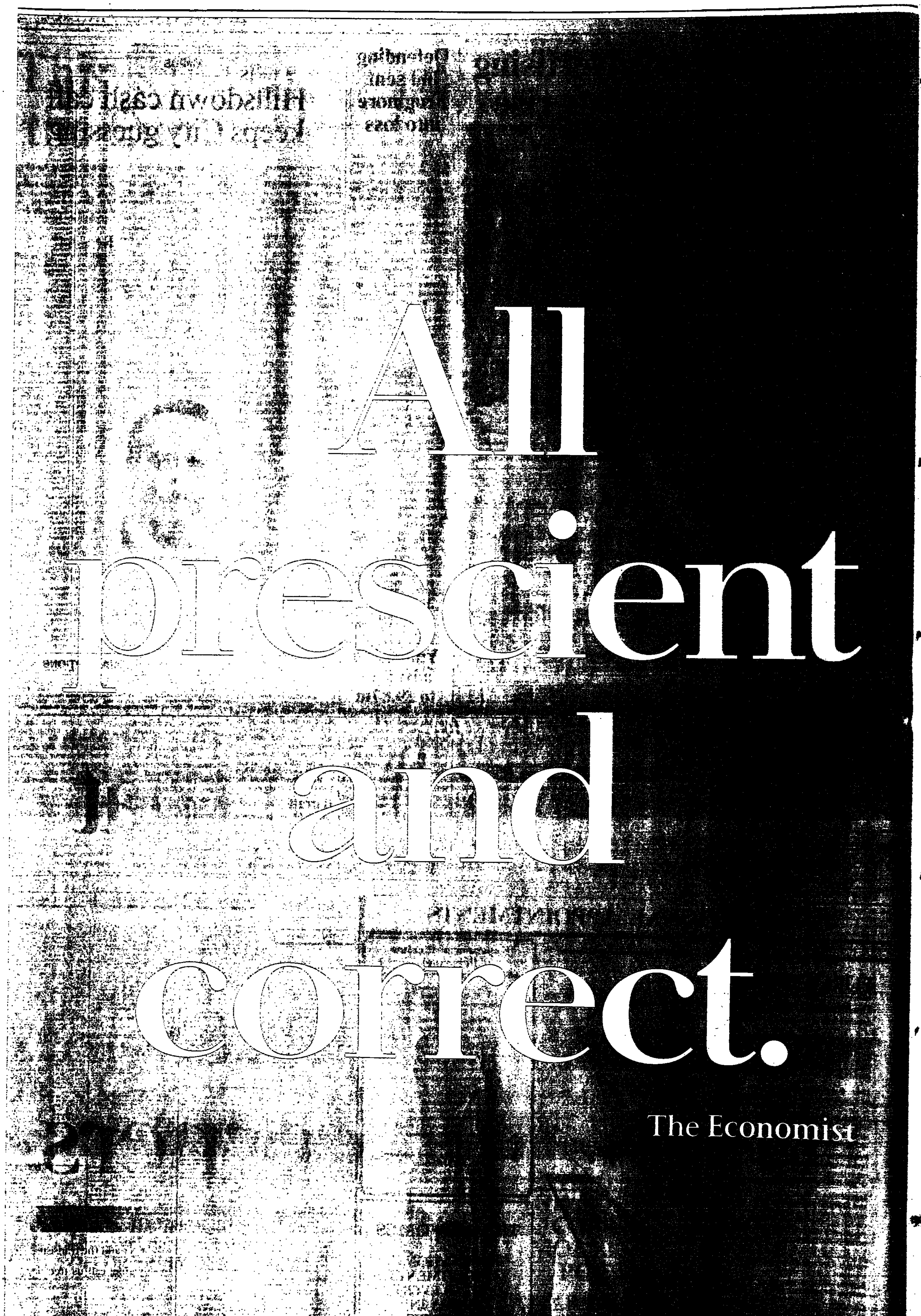
Creditors who have not yet proved their debts must forward their Proofs of Debt to me by 31 December 1991

Dated this 20th day of September 1991
Malcolm John London
Trustee

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES
PROBATE DIVISION

After 14 days from publication of this notice an application for probate of the Will dated 8th May 1980 of JOHN CARO CARAPIET late of London, United Kingdom deceased, will be made by STEPHEN ALLAN CREET Executor named in the said Will

Creditors are required to send particulars of their claims upon his estate to
Allan D Farrar, c/o Messrs White Barnes & McGuire, Solicitors, 99 Elizabeth Street, Sydney NSW 2000, Australia. Telephone 236 6044 DX 466, Sydney.



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By Our City Staff

BRIERLEY Investments Ltd, the New Zealand group formerly run by Sir Ron Brierley, has reported a near-halved net profit of NZ$212 million (£70 million) in its latest financial year against NZ$402 million the previous year.

The annual dividend is cut from 11 cents to nine, and the group has forecast it will maintain the payment at that lower level in the current year.

Paul Collins, the chief executive, said directors were resolved to make BIL into a NZ$2 stock. The share price was unchanged at 99 cents 30 minutes after the result.

He said BIL was mindful of detractors of investment-type companies. Some analysts believe BIL is a dinosaur that would be more valuable if broken up.

"This simply strengthens our resolve . . . with the objective, over the next four years, being to make BIL a NZ$2 stock, equivalent to a stock market valuation of NZ$5 billion after paying shareholders an additional NZ$1 billion in cash dividends," Mr Collins said.

Since the year end, the company had experienced a marked improvement in the quality and level of operating profit, which was primarily due to substantially reduced costs within BIL's New Zealand subsidiaries.

The company would do nothing different from what it had done for its 30 years, despite criticism of lost direction.

BIL would not "forgo profitable opportunities for our shareholders merely for the sake of satisfying somebody else's trendy requirement for predictability, closely followed, no doubt, by mediocrity," Mr Collins said.

Net debt had fallen to NZ$1.81 billion at the June 30 year end from NZ$2.24 billion a year earlier. During 1990-1, BIL cut debt by more than NZ$2 billion from its peak.

BIL had debt funding lines of more than NZ$4 billion, leaving cash and undrawn committed credit lines of more than NZ$2 billion.

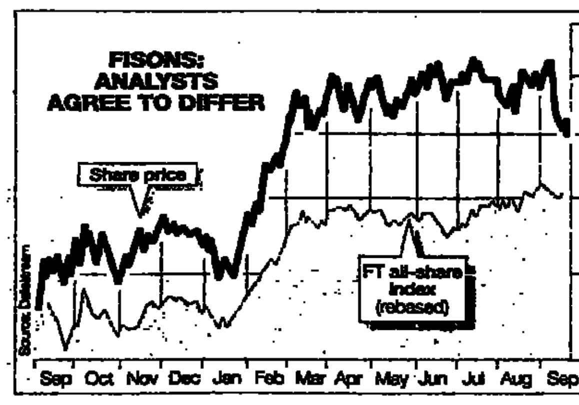
STOCK MARKET

Index fails to top 2,600 as investors stay on sidelines

AN ASSAULT on the 2,600 level ran out of steam, leaving the arbitrageurs to continue unwinding their positions before the expiration of the September futures positions on Monday. It is a slow, laborious task that has been going on for much of the week and has been made all the more difficult by the September FT-SE 100 index series continuing to trade at a small premium to to the cash market. Investors remain confident, with the speculators still looking for another big bid. But, with just two days of the account left to run, investors were reluctant to open positions.

The FT-SE 100 saw an 11-point lead whittled away to finish 2.2 points down at 2,595.6. The FT index of 30 shares lost 3.7 at 2,025.2 with turnover reaching 516 million shares. Government securities suffered falls of almost £½ at the longer end, still reflecting the poor response to Wednesday's £1.5 billion gilts auction.

Hillsdown Holdings, the food to furniture group, fell 22p to 234p after announcing a rights issue to raise £280.7 million. The terms are one-for-four at 210p.



Fisons shed 5p to 453p after Warburg Securities became bearish. This follows similar comments from BZW. Analysis are worried about the impact on profits after the withdrawal of two drugs, Opticrom and Imferon, from the American market and the prospect of higher interest charges. But Morgan Stanley, the New York securities house, is optimistic about Fisons' prospects despite the flat interim figures recently.

Redland, the building products group, jumped 14p to 562p despite interims at the bottom end of expectations. **Barratt Developments**, the housebuilder, managed a rise of 5p to 55p despite diving into the red last year. The pretax loss of £105.9 million (against a profit last time of £30.2 million) had been widely forecast. **Meyer International**, the builders' merchant, fell 9p to 473p on talk of profit downgradings by both BZW and Cazenove. **Vickers** fell 4p to 185p after reporting a loss of £4.3 million at halfway against a profit of £39.8 million. **British Aerospace** rose 5p to 430p after confirmation that Professor Sir Roland Smith is stepping down as the non-executive chairman. **Eurocamp** jumped 31p to 294p after announcing that it had been appointed a tour operator to the Euro Disneyland resort on the outskirts of Paris. **Euro Disneyland** finished 15p lower at £13.75. **Reuters** advanced 17p to 970p on a buy recommendation from BZW, which met the company this week.

There are signs of a revival in the fortunes of Aviva Petroleum, up 1¼p at 16¾p. Aviva's projects in Columbia are starting to excite the City and could reaffirm the faith of Smith New Court, the broker, in the shares. Estimates of the value of the finds range from 4p to 40p a share. But Aviva remains high risk.

Rothmans International continued to benefit from this week's buy recommendation from Warburg Securities with a further rise of 29p to £11.50. Warburg is forecasting above-average earnings growth during the next two years.

It was a day of mixed fortunes for the retail sector with **Dixons** falling 5p to 247p after Stanley Kalms, the chairman, issued a warning at the annual meeting that profits in the first half would fall short of the £27 million made in the corresponding period last time. But **Burton**, the troubled menswear group, firmed 1p to 48p as 12 million shares changed hands on talk that it had found a buyer for its property trust subsidiary. It is expected to fetch about £180 million.

Warburg is a buyer of **Tiphook**, the container and trailer rentals group, before its American roadshow and ADR listing. The shares rose 14p to 560p.

RTZ, the mining finance group, firmed 11p to 557p. Dealers say that the group is benefiting from higher copper prices stemming from the rioting in Zaire.

MICHAEL CLARK

Dow falls in early dealings

New York — Blue chips recovered from some losses but still remained under pressure in mid-morning trading. The Dow Jones industrial average was down 6 points at 3,015.02 after dipping to 3,006. Fears of disappointing corporate profits are keeping many investors on the sidelines and unwilling to buy.

☐ **Tokyo** — Shares surged in afternoon trading to close strongly higher. Falling short-term rates and higher bond prices revived expectations of a cut in Japan's discount rate, perking up buying interest. The Nikkei index was up 390.66 points, or 1.66 per cent, to 23,968.08.

☐ **Sydney** — Strong support for selective shares and expectations of further domestic and American interest rate cuts pushed the market higher and so the all-ordinaries index closed at 1,568.2, up 6.3 points.

☐ **Hong Kong** — Shares closed higher but trading continued to be thinner than in previous weeks. The Hang Seng index rose 26.03 points to 3,927.98.

☐ **Frankfurt** — The market ended slightly lower after a lacklustre day. The Dax index ended 5.42 points lower at 1,619.99.

☐ **Singapore** — Prices ended lower but managed to rise above the midday lows on late bargain-hunting. The Straits Times industrial index lost 5.50 points to 1,371.96.

(Reuter)

RECENT ISSUES

Aberforth Split (100p)	109
Adam & Harvey	195
Airbreak Leis	40½ −½
Alliance Res	18
Capital Ventures	110
Claremont Gmts (175p)	185
Contra-Cyclical (100p)	111
County Smlr Inv	96
Culver Hldgs (4p)	5
Drayton Blue Chip (100p)	101
EFM Inc Tst (65p)	68
East Germany Inv (100p)	120
Etonbrook	68
Eurocamp (225p)	294 +31
Fleming Emerg Mkt	100
Gartmore Inc (100p)	111
Gartmore Cap (100p)	98
Geared Inc (100p)	103
Greencore	222 +2
Headline Book (100p)	129
Kleinwort High Inc	108
Lowndes Lambert (290p)	326 +5
Manchester Utd (385p)	286
Mirror Group (125p)	91 +½
Moorgate Smlr Cos (100p)	117 +1
Oryx Gold	219
Simpson of Cornhl	48
Sterling Tst	51
Tollgate	97
US Smaller	108

● *See main prices page for Electricity shares*

RIGHTS ISSUES

Br Polythene N/P	73 −1
Ladbroke N/P	34 −1
P & O N/P	69 +3
Record Hldgs N/P	12
Third Mile N/P	10

(Issue price in brackets).

MAJOR INDICES

New York:
Dow Jones .... 3015.65 (−5.37)*
S&P Composite .... 385.89 (−0.99)*
Tokyo:
Nikkei Average .. 23968.08 (+390.66)
Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 3927.98 (+26 03)
FT-SE Euro 100 .... 1103.42 (−4.92)
Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency .... 90 4 (−0.2)
Sydney: AO .... 1568.2 (+6.3)
Frankfurt: DAX .... 1619.99 (−5.42)
Paris: CAC .... 494.21 (−2.94)
Zurich: SKA Gen .... 514.7 (−3.9)
London:
FT —A All-Share .... 1257.16 (−0.58)
FT.— "500" .... 1393 54 (+0.14)
FT. Gold Mines .... 163.1 (−0.6)
FT. Fixed interest .... 97.00 (−0.06)
FT. Govt Secs .... 87.32 (−0.04)
Bargains 29428
SEAQ Volume 516.3m
USM (Datastream) ..... 128.77 (−0.27)
*Denotes midday trading price

FT-SE 100 VOLUMES

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
Abbey Nat	2,806	Cadbury	1,023	Lonrho	1,249	Royal Ins	175
Alld-Lyons	2,398	CU	613	Lucas	1,441	Sainsbury	2,407
Anglian	672	Courtaulds	1,999	M&S	2,262	Scot & N	671
ASDA	6,039	Enterprise	198	Maxwell Cm	1,228	Scot Power	7,108
AB Foods	89	Eurotunnel	1,563	MEPC	452	Sears	5,705
Argyll	5,306	Fisons	3,107	Midland	1,687	Severn Trnt	1,316
Arjo Wigg	949	Forte	1,290	Natl Power	7,349	Shell	5,736
BAA	1,891	Gen Acc	717	Nat West	2,417	Smith & N	1,151
BET	2,632	GEC	5,330	N W Water	1,138	SK Beech	1,928
BTR	3,076	Glaxo	946	P&O	1,094	Sun Allnce	1,813
BAT	4,804	Grand Met	1,047	Pearson	842	Tarmac	1,902
Barclays	1,092	GUS 'A'	173	Pilkington	1,802	Tate Lyle	2,145
Bass	625	GRE	1,633	PowerGen	3,782	TSB	1,078
BICC	757	Guinness	1,277	Prudential	2,157	Tesco	3,690
Bk Scotlnd	624	Hanson	5,833	Rank	190	Thames Wtr	1,310
Blue Circle	952	Hawker	215	R&C	497	Thorn EMI	311
BOC	405	Hillsdown	8,000	Redland	2,488	Trafalgar	401
Boots	1,657	ICI	538	Reed	884	Ultramar	1,072
Br Aero	1,298	Inchcape	1,507	Rentokil	187	Unilever	2,493
Br Airways	1,712	Kingfisher	956	Reuters	1,970	United Bis	709
Br Gas	6,818	Lasmo	449	RMC Gp	937	Vodafone	4,271
Br Petrol	8,721	Ladbroke	1,348	RTZ	2,330	Wellcome	383
Br Steel	6,826	Land Sec	323	R-Royce	3,984	Whitbrd	1,812
Br Telecm	2,800	L&G	1,307	Rothmans 'B'	575	Williams	1,722
C&W	2,416	Lloyds	1,390	Royal Bank	1,817	Willis Cor	717

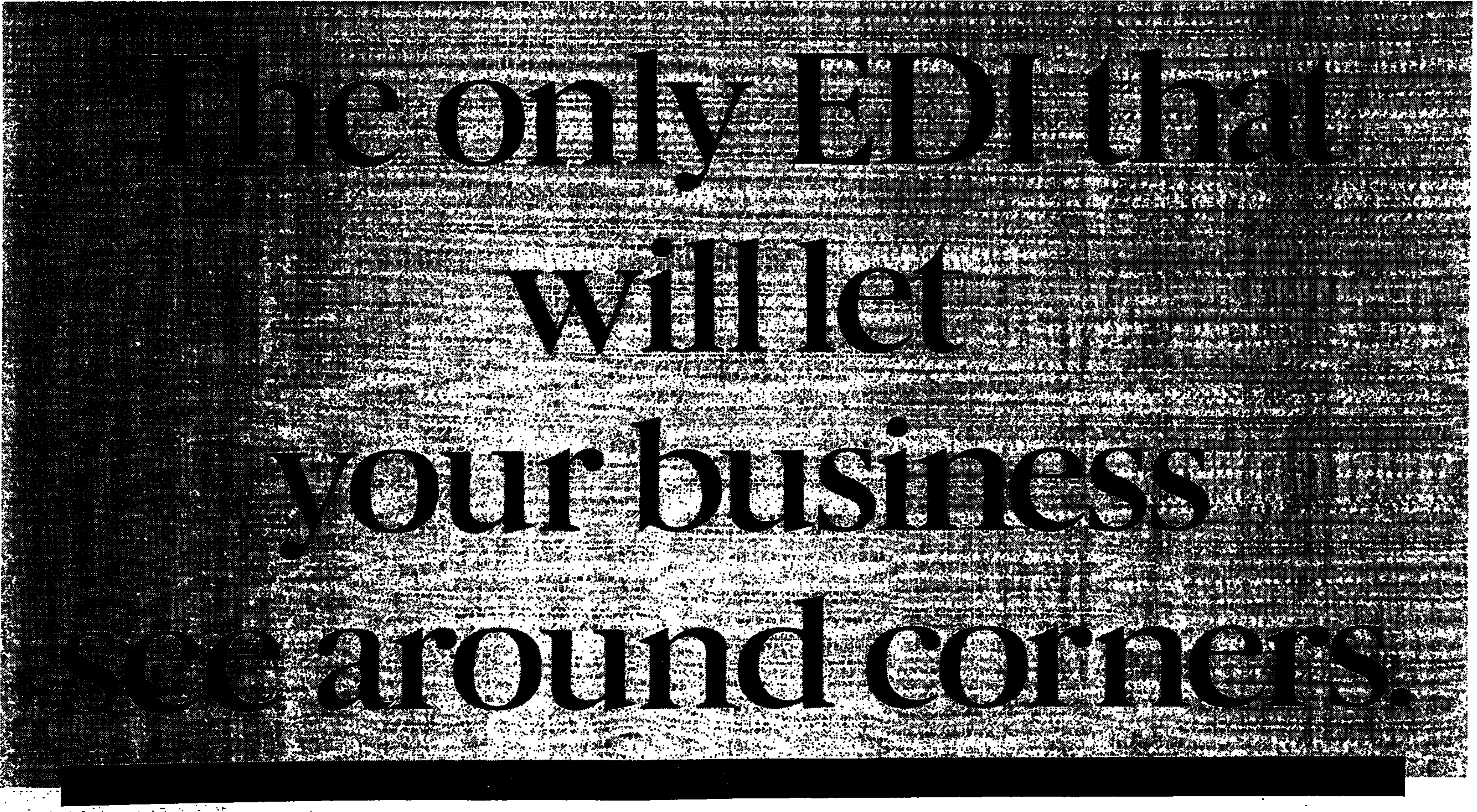
WALL STREET

	Sep 26 midday	Sep 25 close		Sep 26 midday	Sep 25 close		Sep 26 midday	Sep 25 close
Abbott Lab	58%	58%	Enron	68%	67%	Oryx Enrgy	33%	33%
Aetna Life	33%	33%	Entergy	25%	25%	Pac Ent	28%	28%
Ahmanson	17%	17%	Ethyl	23%	23%	Pac Gas Elec	28%	29%
Air Prods	64%	63%	Exxon	59%	59%	Pac Telesis	41%	41%
Albertsons	38%	38%	Fed NMA	64	64%	Paccar	47%	47%
Alcan Al	19%	19%	Fedrl Exprs	36	36%	Pacificorp	22%	22%
Alco Stand	34	34	Flt Norstar	22%	22%	Pall	37%	38
Allied Signal	37%	37%	Fluor	42	41%	Paramount	37%	36%
Alumin CA	64	63%	FMC	46%	46%	Parker-Hanfn	25%	25%
Am Brands	44%	44%	Ford Motor	29%	29%	Penney	49%	49%
Am Cyanmd	65%	65%	FPL	32%	32%	Pennzoil	66%	66%
Am EPC	30%	30	Fst Chicago	25%	25%	Pepsico	28%	28%
Am General	40%	39%	Fst Intrste	31%	31%	Pfizer	63%	63%
Am Home	67%	68%	Fst Union	28%	27	Phlps Pet	26%	26%
Am Intl	82%	82%	Gannett	39%	40	Phlps Elec	22%	22%
Am Stores	34%	35	GAP	43%	44%	Phlp Morris	71%	72
Amax	20%	20%	Gen Cinema	20%	20%	Phlps Dodge	75%	74%
Amer Hess	57%	57%	Gen Elec	69	68%	Pitney Bow	60%	60%
Ameritech	61%	61%	Gen Mills	60%	60%	Placer Dm	10%	11%
Amex	25%	25%	Gen Motors	37%	37	PNC Fncl	40%	41%
Amoco	50%	51	Gen RE	86%	87	Pnhdle Estn	13%	13%
AMP	51%	51%	Gen Signal	49	49%	Polaroid	24%	24%
AMR	57%	57%	Genuine Pts	43%	44	PPG Inds	54%	54%
Anheuser-B	52%	52%	Georgia-Pac	56	55%	Prctr Gmble	83%	84%
Apple Comp	n/a	n/a	Gillette	41	41	Price	59	60
Archer-Dan	25%	25%	Goodrich	44%	44%	Primerica	34%	34%
Arkla	15%	15%	Goodyear	43%	43%	Pub Service	27%	27%
Armco	4%	4%	Grace	37%	37%	Quaker Oats	58%	58%
Armstrong	33%	33%	Greyhound	36%	36%	Ralston Pur	48%	49
Asarco	27%	27%	Gt Atlantic	34	34%	Raychem	29%	29%
Ashland Oil	29%	29%	Gt Western	17%	17	Raytheon	80	80
AT&T	37%	38	GTE	30%	29%	Reebok	33%	33%
Atlan Richfld	115%	115%	Hallibrtn	33%	33%	Roadway	53%	52%
Auto DP	34%	34%	Heinz	39%	39%	Rockwell	26%	26%
Avery Denn	20%	20%	Hercules	42%	41%	Rohm Haas	45%	46%
Avon Prod	43%	44%	Hershey Fd	39	39%	Royal Dutch	80%	80%
Baltimore	31%	31%	Hewlett Pkd	50	49%	Rubbermaid	56%	56%
Banc One	43%	43%	Hilton Htl	40	40	Rynlds Mtl	57%	57%
Bankamerica	40%	40%	Home Depot	53%	54%	Safeco	37%	37%
Bard	25%	24%	Homestake	15%	15%	Salomon	24%	23%
Barnett Bk	31%	31%	Honeywell	53%	53%	Sant Fe Pac	9	9%
Bausch Lmb	48%	46%	Houston Ind	38%	38%	Sara Lee	44%	44%
Baxter Intl	34	34%	Hsehld Intl	59%	58%	Schecorp	44%	44%
Bec Dickin	68%	68%	Humana	31%	31%	Schlumbgr	66%	66%
Bell Atlan	45%	45%	IBM	104%	105	Schrg-Plgh	57%	57%
Bellsouth	49%	49%	IF&F	88%	88%	Scott Papr	39%	39%
Bkr Hughes	24%	24%	Illinois TW	65%	66	Seagram	107%	107%
Black Decker	17%	17%	Inco	31%	31%	Sears Rbk	38%	38%
Block	64%	64%	Ingsol-Rand	50%	50%	Secrty Pac	32	32%
Bnkrs Tst NY	59	59%	Inland Steel	19	19%	Shrwn-Wlms	23%	23%
Boeing	50%	51	Intel	42%	41%	Skyline	14%	14%
Boise Casc	25	25	Intl Paper	69%	68%	Snap-on Tls	31%	31%
Borden	32%	32%	ITT	55%	55%	Southern	29%	29
Brist-Myer	83%	83%	James River	21%	22	St Paul	62%	62%
Browng-Fer	19	19%	Johnsn Jhsn	89%	89%	Stanley Wk	35%	35%
Burl Nth	34	33	K Mart	41%	41%	Stone Cntr	19	19
CAI	8	7%	Kellogg	106%	107%	Sun Co	31%	31%
Campbell Sp	74%	75%	Kerr-McGee	41%	41%	Sunst Bk	35%	35%
Cap Cities	422%	428	Kimbly-Clrk	90	90%	Super Valu	25%	25%
Capital HC	43%	43%	Kngnt-Riddr	50%	51	SW Bell	55%	54%
Carolina	48%	48%	Lilly	79%	79%	Syntex	42%	42
Caterpillar	45%	45%	Limited	25%	25%	Sysco	42%	42%
CBS	155%	156%	Lin Brdcstg	73%	74%	Tandem	12%	12%
Central SW	48%	48%	Lincoln Nat	48	47%	Tandy	27%	26%
Champion	25%	25%	Litton Ind	89%	89%	Tele-comm	15%	15%
Chase Man	18%	18%	Lockheed	40%	40%	Teledyne	20%	20%
Chem Bnkg	25%	25%	Louis-Pac	42%	42%	Temple-In	46	46%
Chevron	73%	72%	Manu Hano	28%	28%	Tenneco	37%	38%
Chrysler	10	10%	Marriott	16%	16%	Texaco	62%	63%
Chubb	62%	61%	Marsh Mclen	76%	77	Texas Inst	29%	29%
Cigna	43%	44	Martin Mar	52%	52%	Texas Util	38%	38%
Citicorp	14%	14%	Masco	22%	22%	Textron	35%	35%
Clbrne Liz	44	43%	May Dept	55	55%	Time Wnr	82%	82%
Clorox	40%	40%	Maytag	13%	13%	Times Mirr	30%	30%
Cmwlth Edis	40%	40%	McDnl Doug	61%	59%	Timken	26%	26%
CNA Fincl	86%	86%	McDonalds	35%	34%	Torchmark	49%	49%
Coastal	31	31%	McGraw-Hill	51%	52	Toys R Us	33%	33%
Coca-Cola	64%	64%	MCI Com	29	29%	Transam	37%	37%
Colgate-Pal	42	41%	Mead	32%	32%	Travelers	19%	19%
Columb Gas	17%	17%	Medtronic	71%	71%	Tribune	40%	40%
Compaq	33%	33	Mellon Bk	32%	32%	TRW	42	42
Conagra	46%	46	Melville	47%	47%	Tyco Lab	39%	39%
Cons Edis	24%	24%	Merck	129%	129%	UAL	127%	127%
Cons NG	40%	40%	Merll Lynch	49%	49%	Un Camp	44%	44%
Cons Rail	70%	71	Minnesota	89%	89%	Un Carbide	21%	22%
Cooper Ind	51%	51%	Mobil	68%	68%	Un Pacific	93%	94%
Corning	69%	69%	Monsanto	66%	66%	Unilever	83%	83%
CPC Intl	88%	88	Moore	23%	23%	Unisys	4%	4%
Crown Cork	89%	90%	Morgan JP	57%	58%	Unocal	24%	24%
CSX	51%	51	Motorola	61%	61	Upjohn	46%	47%
Dana	30%	30%	Nat Medical	23	23%	US Life	40%	40%
Dayton-Hud	72%	73	Nat Semi	4%	4%	US West	34%	35
Deere	54%	55%	Nat Service	23%	23%	Usair Gp	10	10%
Delta Air	63	63%	Navistar	3	2%	USF&G	7	7%
Deluxe	46%	47%	NCNB	36%	36%	UST	46%	46%
Detroit Ed	31%	31%	NCR	108	108	USX Mar	31%	31%
Digital Eq	55%	55%	NED Bncp	41%	42%	Utd Tech	45	45%
Dillard	132%	132%	Newmnt Min	37%	38	Utd Telcm	24%	24%
Disney	114%	113%	Niagr Mhwk	16%	16%	VF	34%	34%
Dominion	50%	50%	Nike	53%	54%	Wal-Mart	47%	47%
Donnelley	44%	45%	NL Indstrs	14	13%	Waste Mgmt	36%	36
Dover	38%	38	Nordstorm	44%	45	Wells Fargo	73%	74%
Dow Chem	51%	52%	Norflk Sthn	53%	53%	Westg Elec	22%	22%
Dow Jones	28%	28%	Norwest	33%	32%	Weyerhsr	29%	28%
Dresser Ind	19%	19%	Nthn St Pwr	38%	38%	Whirlpool	39%	40
Du Pont	45	45%	Nthn Telcm	39%	39%	Whitman	12%	12%
Duke Pwr	31%	31%	NY Times	22	22%	Winn-Dixie	35%	36%
Dun Bradst	46%	46%	Nynex	77%	77	Woolworth	28%	28%
East Kodak	42%	42%	Occid Petrl	23	22%	Wrigley	62	62%
Eaton	62%	62%	Ohio Ed	19%	19%	Wrner-Lamb	71%	71
Emerson El	48%	48%	Oracle Sys	13%	13%	Xerox	61%	61%

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
September 23	October 4	December 23	January 6

Call options were taken out on: 25/9/91 Allied-Lyons, Aviva Petroleum, BTR Wts 93/4, Cadbury-Schweppes, Costain, Grand Met, Arthur Lee, Next, Premier Cons Oil, Thames TV, Wassall. Puts: Evered, Speyhawk. Put & Call: Owners Abroad.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● Ex dividend. c Cum dividend. k Cum stock split. s Ex stock split. m Cum all (any two or more of above). a Ex all (any two or more of above). Dealing or valuation days: (1) Monday, (2) Tuesday, (3) Wednesday, (4) Thursday, (5) Friday.

UNLISTED SECURITIES

● Ex dividend a Ex all b Forecast dividend e Interim payment passed f Price at suspension g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment h Pre-merger figures n Forecast earnings o Ex other r Ex rights s Ex scrip or share split t Tax-free .. No significant data.

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was down at 90.9 (day's range 90.9-91.1).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Sep 26	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	3.2829-3.2944	3.2847-3.2884	⅜-¼pr	⅞-⅝pr
Brussels	59.91-60.19	59.97-60.19	9-5pr	18-12pr
Copenhagen	11.2357-11.2905	11.2389-11.2828	1⅜-⅞pr	1⅞-½pr
Dublin	1.0880-1.0940	1.0890-1.0900	9-3pr	9pr-1ds
Frankfurt	2.9114-2.9236	2.9132-2.9166	⅜-¼pr	3⅜-⅝pr
Lisbon	249.88-251.98	250.97-251.98	20-73ds	148-220ds
Madrid	183.63-185.24	184.46-185.08	28-34ds	18-97ds
Milan	2176.41-2185.75	2177.12-2180.11	1-2ds	5-7ds
Montreal	1.9627-1.9700	1.9641-1.9678	0.38-0.32pr	0.89-0.80pr
New York	1.7315-1.7345	1.7320-1.7330	0.75-0.74pr	2.04-2.02pr
Oslo	11.3915-11.4482	11.3963-11.4222	⅛pr-⅛ds	⅜-1⅛ds
Paris	9.9208-9.9613	9.9287-9.9431	1⅛-⅞pr	2⅜-1⅝pr
Stockholm	10.6176-10.6718	10.6293-10.6528	1⅛pr-⅛ds	⅜pr-1ds
Tokyo	230.72-231.99	231.31-231.82	⅜-⅛pr	2⅛-2pr
Vienna	20.4871-20.5665	20.4982-20.5274	2⅜-1⅝pr	5⅜-2⅞pr
Zurich	5349-2.5449	2.5356-2.5388	⅜-⅛pr	1⅜-1⅛pr

Source: Extel *Premium = pr. Discount = ds.*

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	17156.7-17174.0
Australia dollar	2.1801-2.1834
Bahrain dinar	0.6495-0.6575
Brazil cruzeiro *	785.10-786.50
Cyprus pound	0.801-0.811
Finland marka	7.09-7.15
Greece drachma	323.90-327.10
Hong Kong dollar	13.4205-13.4301
India rupee	44.52-44.92
Kuwait dinar KD	0.497-0.503
Malaysia ringgit	4.7588-4.7633
Mexico peso	5285-5365
New Zealand dollar	3.0591-3.0664
Saudi Arabia riyal	6.4625-6.5425
Singapore dollar	2.9305-2.9340
S Africa rand (fin)	5.3251-5.4113
S Africa rand (com)	4.8972-4.9053
U A E dirham	6.3275-6.4075

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank.*

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.2580-1.2591
Austria	11.83-11.85
Belgium (Com)	34.65-34.69
Canada	1.1349-1.1354
Denmark	6.4850-6.4900
France	5.7320-5.7370
Germany	1.6800-1.6810
Hong Kong	7.7441-7.7451
Ireland	1.5810-1.5825
Italy	1258.5-1259.5
Japan	133.65-133.75
Malaysia	2.7460-2.7470
Netherlands	1.8950-1.8960
Norway	6.5800-6.5900
Portugal	145.00-145.20
Singapore	1.6910-1.6920
Spain	106.55-106.65
Sweden	6.1325-6.1375
Switzerland	1.4635-1.4645

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: July 31, 1991 Agreed rates Aug 26, 1991 to Sept 24, 1991 Scheme I: 12.31%. Schemes II & III: 12.38%. Reference rate June 29, 1991 to July 31, 1991 Scheme IV & V: 11.136%.

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 10% Finance Hse 11

Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 10% Low 9% Week fixed: 10%

Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 9¹⁵⁄₁₆ ; 3 mth 9% . Sell: 2 mth 9¹³⁄₁₆ ; 3 mth: 9% .

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	10⁷⁄₃₂-10³⁄₁₆	9³¹⁄₃₂-9¹⁵⁄₁₆	9⅞-9²⁷⁄₃₂	9¹⁷⁄₃₂-9½	
Sterling Money Rates:	10⁵⁄₁₆-10⅛	10⁷⁄₁₆-10⁵⁄₁₆	10⅛-10⁵⁄₁₆	10⁵⁄₁₆-¹⁄₁₆	10³⁄₁₆-¹⁄₁₆
Interbank:	10⁵⁄₁₆-10⁷⁄₁₆	10⅛-10⁵⁄₁₆	10⅛-10⁵⁄₁₆	10³⁄₁₆-10⅛	10⅛-10¹⁄₁₆
(Overnight: open 10%, close 10%.					
Local Authority Deps:	10³⁄₁₆	n/a	10⅛	10%	10%
Sterling CDs:	10⁵⁄₁₆-10%	10¹¹⁄₃₂-10⁵⁄₁₆	10⁷⁄₃₂-³⁄₁₆	10¹⁄₁₆-¹⁄₃₂	10¹⁄₁₆-10
Dollar CDs:	5.43-5.38	5.43-5.38	5.43-5.38	5.60-5.55	5.78-5.73
Building Society CDs:	10¹⁹⁄₃₂-¹⁷⁄₃₂	10⅜-10¹¹⁄₃₂	10⅜-10⁷⁄₃₂	10⅛-10³⁄₃₂	10⅛-10¹⁄₁₆

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	5⅛-5	5⁷⁄₁₆-5⅜	5⅜-5⁵⁄₁₆	5¹¹⁄₁₆-5⅝	5⅜-4½
Deutschemark:	9⅝-9⅜	9³⁄₁₆-9	9³⁄₁₆-9¹⁄₁₆	9⅛-9⅛	8½-7⅞
French Franc:	9⅝-9⅜	9⁵⁄₁₆-9⅜	9⁷⁄₁₆-9⁵⁄₁₆	9⅜-9⅜	9⅜-9⅜
Swiss Franc:	7⅜-7⅜	8⅜-8	8⅜-8	8⅜-8	8-7
Yen:	7⅜-7⅜	6¹³⁄₁₆-¹³⁄₁₆	6⅜-6⅜	6⅜-6⅜	6⅜-5⅜

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS

(Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $352.00-352.40 Close: $351.40-351.90 High: $353.00-353.50 Low: $351.40-351.90 Krugerrand: $351.10-352.10 (£202.00-203.00)

Sovereigns: Old $80.10-81.10 (£47.25-48.25) New $79.90-80.90 (£47.10-48.10)

Platinum: $355.15 (£204.85) **Silver:** $4.21 (£2.415) **Palladium:** $83.50 (£48.15)

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100 Previous open interest: 41389	Sep 91	2606.0	2620.0	2606.0	2607.0	7387
	Dec 91	2656.0	2676.0	2656.0	2653.0	6302
	Mar 92				2699.0	0
Three Month Sterling Previous open interest: 125312	Dec 91	90.16	90.19	90.15	90.19	15706
	Mar 92	90.41	90.43	90.39	90.42	3702
	Jun 92	90.37	90.40	90.37	90.39	1414
Three Month Eurodollar Previous open interest: 26700	Dec 91	94.26	94.30	94.24	94.29	2665
	Mar 92	94.36	94.40	94.36	94.38	1012
Three Month Euro DM Previous open interest: 131910	Dec 91	90.86	90.88	90.84	90.88	9081
	Mar 92	90.92	90.93	90.90	90.93	4620
US Treasury Bond Previous open interest: 3658	Dec 91	98-31	99-07	98-27	99-00	1382
	Mar 92				98-06	0
Long Gilt Previous open interest: 58605	Sep 91	96-00	96-00	95-24	95-24	4
	Dec 91	96-04	96-07	95-20	95-27	34540
Japanese Govt Bond	Dec 91	98.61	98.69	98.54	98.55	627
	Mar 92				99.68	0
German Govt Bond Previous open interest: 52659	Dec 91	85.30	85.36	85.28	85.32	17268
	Mar 92	85.50	85.52	85.45	85.51	111
Three month ECU Previous open interest: 4087	Dec 91	90.30	90.30	90.28	90.29	222
	Mar 92	90.65	90.66	90.64	90.66	17

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COMMODITIES

LONDON FOX

COCOA		COFFEE		SUGAR (FOB) C Czarnikow	
Sep	728-721	Sep	460 BID	Oct	217.0-14.0
Dec	752 BID	Nov	523-522	Dec	unq
Mar	789-788	Jan	547-546	Mar	197.0-95.8
May	810-808	Mar	564-563	May	195.0-94.8
Jul	830 SLR	May	unq	Aug	200.0-88.6
Sep	850-848	Jul	unq	Oct	200.0-76.0
Dec	872-870	Sep	unq		
Vol: 4784		Vol: 2457		Vol: 1312	

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT Close (£/t)		BARLEY Close (£/t)		HI-PRO SOYA Close (£/t)	
Nov	117.70	Nov	113.50	Oct	134.50
Jan	121.00	Jan	117.30	Dec	136.80
Mar	124.00	Mar	119.90	Feb	140.80
May	126.90	May	121.80	Apr	141.80
Jun	128.40	Sep	unq	Jun	143.50
Vol:	478	Vol:	40	Vol:	26

LONDON POTATO FUTURES

Volume: 93

	Open	Close
Mar (£/tonne)	unq	133.0
Apr	123.5	125.0
May	unq	139.3

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on September 26

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	78.96	107.70	103.88
(+/-)	-3.36	+5.35	+1.23
Eng/Wales:	79.01	108.88	104.40
(+/-)	-3.50	+6.42	+2.26
(%)	-25.2	-33.6	-25.3
Scotland:	76.92	100.42	101.41
(+/-)	+3.77	+2.26	-3.09
(%)	-21.3	-17.4	-45.1

* Estimated dead carcase weight

LONDON MEAT FUTURES

Live Pig (p/kg)

Oct	
Open:	105.0
Close:	104.5
Nov	
Open:	unq
Close:	105.3
Jan	
Open:	103.0
Close:	103.0

Volume: 52

LONDON OIL REPORTS (ICIS-LOR) - London 6.00pm:

Crude inched higher after the conclusion to the MMC meeting.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	21.00	+0.25
Brent 15 day (Oct)	21.00	+0.30
Brent 15 day (Nov)	20.80	+0.20
W Texas Intermediate (Nov)	22.15	+0.15
W Texas Intermediate (Dec)	22.00	+0.10

PRODUCTS (Buy/sell $/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	238 (-4)	241 (-4)
Gasoil EEC	197 (+1)	198 (n/c)
Non EEC 1H Oct	197 (-1)	198 (-1)
Non EEC 1H Nov	205 (+1)	206 (+1)
3.5 Fuel Oil	72 (n/c)	73 (n/c)
Naphtha	205 (n/c)	209 (n/c)

IPE FUTURES

GAS OIL

Oct	199.25-99.00	Feb	195.00 BID
Nov	201.75-01.25	Mar	185.00 BID
Dec	202.50-02.25	Apr	183.00 SLR
Jan	200.50-00.00		Vol: 6212

BRENT

Oct	20.95-21.00	Dec	20.60-20.65
Nov	20.75-20.80		Vol: n/a

BIFFEX

GNI Freight Futures Dry Cargo ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Oct 91	1671	1650	1665
Jan 92	1721	1705	1713
Apr 92	1725	1715	1725
Jul 92	1480	1480	1496

Vol: 137 lots Open interest: 2781

Dry cargo index 1524 +2

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day)	Cash	3mth	Rudolf Wolff Vol
Copper Gde A (£/tonne)	1355.0-1356.0	1353.5-1354.0	880875
Lead (£/tonne)	309.50-310.00	319.50-320.00	74025
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1014.5-1015.5	1035.0-1035.5	190875
Tin ($/tonne)	5520.0-5525.0	5592.0-5595.0	5540
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1173.0-1174.0	1202.0-1203.0	446375
Nickel ($/tonne):	7490.0-7495.0	7530.0-7535.0	26075

FOX MGMI INDEX

(5pm prices)

	Bid	Offer
Oct	136.10	136.30
Dec	136.80	137.00
Mar	137.80	138.00

Vol: 341

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3	Exp Comp Louisiana	Oil,Gas	
4	Rea Bros	Banks,Discount	
5	RMC Gp	Building,Roads	
6	Davies & Newman	Transport	
7	Blagden	Chemicals,Plas	
8	Smiths Ind	Industrials S-Z	
9	Diploma	Industrials A-D	
10	Charter Cons	Industrials A-D	
11	Bodycote	Industrials A-D	
12	Warburg SG	Banks,Discount	
13	Syltone	Industrials S-Z	
14	BTR	Industrials A-D	
15	Morgan Cble	Industrials L-R	
16	Bowater	Industrials A-D	
17	Wellcome	Industrials S-Z	
18	AIM	Industrials A-D	
19	Dalgety	Foods	
20	Wessex Water	Water	
21	Ocean Group	Transport	
22	Redland	Building,Roads	
23	Unilever	Industrials S-Z	
24	Microgen	Electricals	
25	Cap & Counties	Property	
26	Anglian Water	Water	
27	Presido	Oil,Gas	
28	Goring Kerr	Industrials E-K	
29	Woodside	Oil,Gas	
30	Dunhill	Drapery,Stores	
31	Allied Text	Textiles	
32	Bemrose	Paper,Print,Adv	
33	Weir	Industrials S-Z	
34	Tex Hldgs	Industrials S-Z	
35	Taylor Woodrow	Building,Roads	
36	Pittard Garnar	Shoes, Leather	
37	Admiral	Electricals	
38	Northumbrian	Water	
39	BAT	Tobaccos	
40	Provident	Banks,Discount	
41	Rank Org	Industrials L-R	
42	Security Serv	Industrials S-Z	
43	Unitech	Electricals	
44	Adscene	Newspapers,Pub	
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NatWest hints at equity stake plan

AT A small business economic forum organised by the National Westminster Bank this week, the bank hinted at a new scheme for taking equity stakes in growing businesses. Some questions were left unanswered, however, (Derek Harris writes).

The bank's research on the business start-ups that have passed through its hands over the past two-and-a-half years will not be completed for several months. When completed, this will provide the base for the bank's moves towards stronger partnerships with small business, including taking equity stakes.

The bank's intentions were welcomed at the forum, which was *attended by many organisations* active in the small business sector. The plans could also bridge the equity gap for businesses with initial cash requirements that are so small that they would not be of interest to the larger providers of venture capital.

NatWest approached the subject before, with what was called growth options, which were subordinated loans and a step along the equity road. There was a modest take-up with mixed results, the striking issue being why the scheme did not evoke a more enthusiastic response.

A big factor was probably the disinclination of many entrepreneurs to have anybody else holding a share in what they regard as their own business. Some of the businesses may have felt the cost of the loans, to give the banks their return, was too high. Much in the new scheme could depend on cost levels, some people at the forum said.

Kevin Jennings, director of commercial banking services at NatWest, said that if the scheme went ahead, he would not expect the bank to want the level of annual returns demanded by many venture capital providers. The mark might be about two thirds of the going rate in the main venture capital market.

"Has it ever occurred to you that I may prefer to mind my own business?"

Striking the sweetest balance

By Derek Harris

PETER TRIEVNOR

Spoilt for choice: Cynthia Stanton believes choosing the correct design for presentation is crucial

CYNTHIA Stanton, one-time home economist and now a confectioner, had long harboured the desire to run a successful company, but not at the expense of her role as mother to her son and daughter.

As a businesswoman, Mrs Stanton's philosophy has been "not too big too soon". She said: "I didn't want a huge, fully blown company straightaway. That was because while the children were at school I wanted the best from both the business and family worlds."

Wesley is now 21 and Philippa is 18. Her husband, Clive, has his own career as UK sales manager for a battery manufacturer.

The idea for the Royal Leamington Spa Water Confectionery Company arose because Mrs Stanton, born in Yorkshire and educated at Leamington, Warwickshire, where she still lives, knew toffee had been produced in the town during the last century to capitalise on the popularity of taking the spa waters.

The Stantons had pulled out of hotel keeping in 1985 and although Mrs Stanton had also made her mark as a food journalist and broadcaster, she decided to branch into confectionery. A local family had given Mrs Stanton a recipe for the toffee that included a specific manufacturing method.

For two years, the business jogged along, Mrs Stanton said. When the company began exhibiting at gift fairs, what had been an entirely retail based business took on a new slant. The confectionery proved popular in the corporate gift market and this side of the business has grown so much that last year, 80 per cent of sales were to companies.

Towards the end of last year, the effects of recession showed in smaller retail orders. This led to much more reliance on corporate sales. The year saw a five-fold increase in turnover.

Hard work and being a jump ahead is Mrs Stanton's recipe for difficult economic times. She uses outside suppliers rather than investing in manufacturing facilities. That means only a dozen people work directly for the company. Mrs Stanton's current business plan points to a turnover in 1997 of about £3 million. She said that the half-way point to that target is "in sight".

The sales staff has been increased recently and a United Kingdom sales manager appointed. Mrs Stanton also has her eye on some export markets, including continental Europe and Japan.

BRIEFINGS

YORK'S Young Business Project in the Fishergate centre, which is in its sixth year as an aid for people aged less than 26 years who are setting up their own businesses, reports a recovery after activity was slowed by the recession. Last year, counselling sessions increased and workspace units were full, despite a slowdown in the final quarter as recession hit the confidence of budding entrepreneurs. There was further deterioration in the first three months of this year but, by May, the young business people were back in strength. Lynne Mahon, the project administrator, reports activity now approaching pre-recession levels. Only two of its 18 workspace units are unlet and more enquiries have come in. The project helped clients find £53,000 in finance last year, up from £41,000 the year before.

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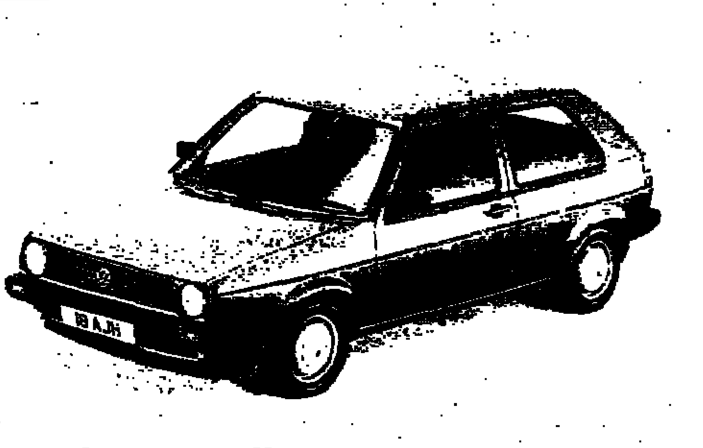

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That freedom, however, is being curtailed as 21 million vehicles are all fighting for road space in an increasingly congested island. Slowly but surely roads in Britain's towns and cities are being brought to a standstill.

Restrictions are now being imposed by local authorities to combat both the congestion and city pollution, which threatens to get out of control.

This week, Birmingham, said to be the city designed for the car, closed its centre to traffic for the first time in what is thought to be the country's biggest pedestrianisation scheme. Councillors had little alternative but to close off the central shopping area as pollution levels were rising and the famous New Street was permanently filled with three lines of traffic.

Many of the drivers on the jammed roads were looking for a parking space. The experience is common in most cities, as a traffic study in Germany showed. Volkswagen found that up to 80 per cent of car drivers in Hanover's city centre were circling in search of a parking spot.

In Birmingham, cars will be directed to the multi-storey parks surrounding the inner city area as part of the effort to make better use of the transport framework.

In a revolutionary scheme that could be put through trials in two years' time, Cambridge motorists will probably have to pay to drive in the city centre. Cambridge has one of the worst congestion problems in Britain as its narrow streets cannot cope with thousands of tourists on top of business and shopping traffic.

Cambridgeshire county council engineers discovered that 90 per cent of city centre drivers were local. They intend to ring the city with microwave beacons. Local drivers' cars will carry a small computer, which will be triggered by the beacons, to measure the speed of the vehicle. When the car slows below "congestion speed", probably a fast walking pace of about 6mph, the computer starts to charge.

The motorist pays the bill with a smart card, similar to a telephone card, which is punched into a cigarette packet-sized computer on the vehicle dashboard.

Visitors to Cambridge will have to stop at toll points to buy their smart cards, which will give them a time limit in the city.

Details are still being developed by the council along with a consortium, which includes Ford, GEC, Saab-Scania and CSEE, a French company involved in the technology for toll booths.

The beauty of the system is that it encourages people to drive in Cambridge only at off-peak times. If motorists drive through unhindered on a Sunday morning at an easy 25mph to 30mph, the in-car computer will not start to count down the money.

A typical stop-start journey might cost £1, but those who set off at 8.30am to join the crocodile of cars waiting to enter the rush hour will find the computer ticking for every mile and minute they are below congestion speed. Once the smart card runs out, drivers will have to buy another and insert it into the computer, which will also register a deficit in payments.

The beacons will check the entry and exit of cars, so that the city traffic department will know if it is heading for bursting point, allowing engineers to advise motorists to stay away if necessary.

Cambridge has a long way to go before its system is fully planned and developed, and it needs the assent of Parliament. The idea, engineers stress, is not to penalise motorists but to encourage them to use public transport or the park-and-ride schemes being developed around the city perimeter. New roads will also allow drivers to bypass the city centre.

The scheme will probably provoke cries of horror from motorists. However, if the government gives the go-ahead, Cambridge may be the first of many authorities to restrict traffic movement in Britain's crowded cities.

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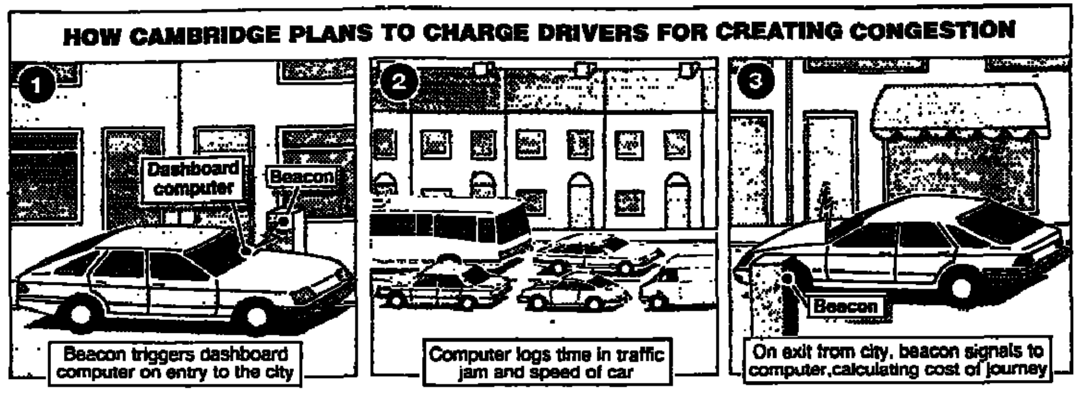
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Smooth or rough-tough mover

ROADTEST

MITSUBISHI makes no bones about the role it expects for its new Shogun four-wheel-drive model. The large, go-anywhere vehicle has a sticker saying the tyres fitted are for use on roads, not muddy fields or farm tracks, *Kevin Eason writes.*

The Shogun is one of those strange vehicles bought by people who like the "green welly" look but hate to get their boots dirty. The Shogun, Japan's best rival to the Range Rover, has long been a favourite in Britain where demand outstrips an annual supply limited to about 3,700 by import quotas.

The Shogun is superb. The Mitsubishi stylists have given the second-generation model a more rounded but definitely more American look with its chunky bumpers and side rubbing strips.

The centrepiece is what Mitsubishi describes as the world's first "super select 4wd system". That means the driver can select two-wheel or four-wheel drive on the move, at up to about 60mph, instead of having to stop and crank in the gearbox system as on many other models.

The system is necessary if you intend to do some off-road driving and fit the correct tyres. This is where you can really discover the attributes of the rough-tough Shogun, but the system is probably unnecessary for 90 per cent of drivers, who will encounter nothing more testing than the occasional pothole.

There is still the choice of moving out of standard rear-wheel drive, high-ratio gear, which gives lower road noise and better tyre wear and motorway running, and into four-wheel drive to add extra grip, particularly in heavy rain.

That is just as useful, as I discovered in the 3-litre V6 model. The high vantage point, easy gear change and plenty of beef from underneath the bonnet make the Shogun a rewarding car for drivers and passengers.

Inside, there is plenty of space for five people, luggage, dogs, picnic baskets and any other paraphernalia that make up the perfect weekend outing.

Pick up the credit card as you set off, though, because a V6 petrol engine lugging a vehicle more than 15ft long and weighing 5,800lb will need at least a gallon of unleaded for every 20 miles.

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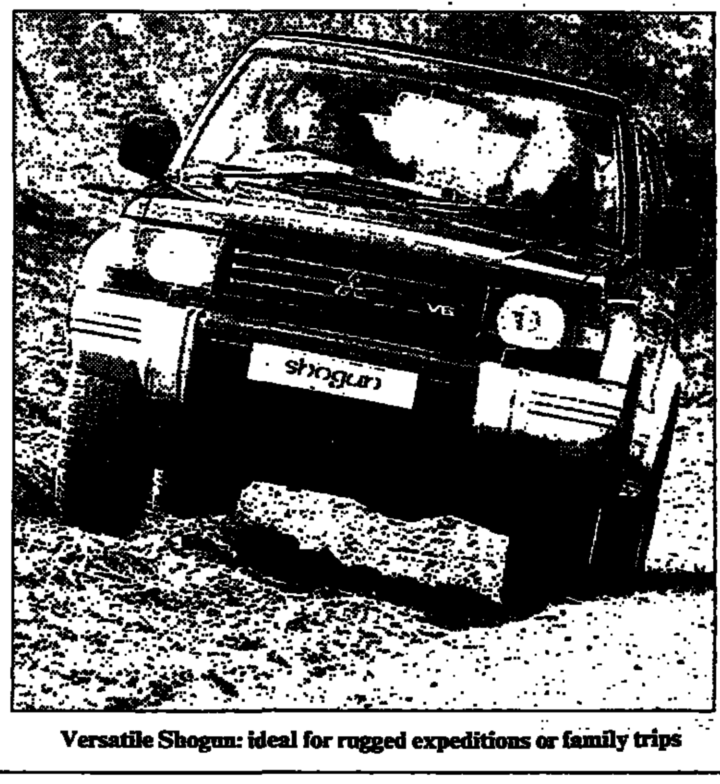


Versatile Shogun: ideal for rugged expeditions or family trips

ROADWISE

Chunnel rescue squad

ONE for those pub quiz nights: which motor vehicle was the first to travel the length of the Channel tunnel? Answer: a Mercedes Benz. The German company is providing 24 vehicles that will run ambulance crews, maintenance teams and fire tenders along the central service tunnel.

With a driver's cab and a five-cylinder diesel engine at both front and rear, these push-me-pull-you vehicles have a top speed of 50mph and are based on Mercedes buses used in Germany.

Miles better

A FLEET operator with 100 cars could save more than £270,000 by switching to diesel, according to Citroën. The French company calculates that at 20,000 miles a year for three years a Citroën BX 19TGD estate offers the same performance as a Ford Sierra 1.6LX estate, yet the fuel savings for the entire fleet would amount to £272,300 at current prices.

Vauxhall is taking up to £400 off its diesel Cavaliers so that their prices are competitive with those of the petrol versions. In addition, 1.6 petrol and 1.7 diesel Cavaliers next year will have power steering and new security radios with detachable front panels.

Record breaker?

IS more than 100 miles to the gallon achievable from a model now available? Daihatsu is sending a team of one man and two women to prove it can be done in a Charade 1.0 Turbo Diesel. The 3,637-mile round-Britain record is 93.746 mpg, but Daihatsu believes the Charade is capable of 106 mpg and could break into *The Guinness Book of Records.*

Micro-steering

HONDA has become the first manufacturer to offer electronically controlled four-wheel steering. The company, introducing its new version of the Prelude in Tokyo this week, surprised the industry with the car's radical, sleek design and the technology package. Previous four-wheel steering systems have been mechanical but the Prelude uses a microcomputer that sends messages to every wheel.

Autumn perils

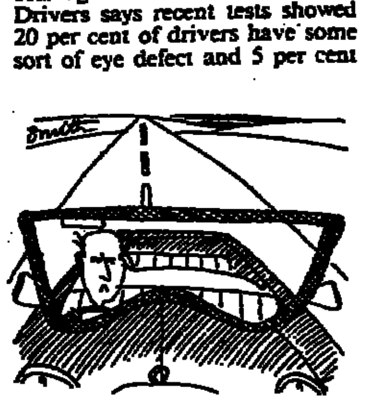
THE Metropolitan police opened a campaign yesterday to make drivers aware of the worsening autumn conditions they face after the sunny days and light nights of summer. The police say the danger lies in deposits of oil and rubber with rain on the roads and also warn motorists to use dipped headlights as nights close in.

Quick reverse

PORSCHE has changed its mind and will now be at the London Motorfair at Earls Court, which opens to the public on October 17. Peter Bulbeck, Porsche's managing director, says the changed decision followed a gloomy spell that was brightened by 400 registrations in August. Porsche will show the new 911 Carrera 2 Turbo and lightweight 911 Carrera RS as well as a vintage 356 Cabriolet first shown at the 1951 Earls Court Motor Show.

See for yourself

ONE in five drivers may be literally unable to see trouble coming. The Guild of Experienced Drivers says recent tests showed 20 per cent of drivers have some sort of eye defect and 5 per cent have eyesight bad enough to be dangerous. The guild has given electronic vision testing machines to Welcome Break service stations to allow motorists to run quick checks from next month.



Lada lookover

OBSERVING the high-tech British motor industry at work was probably less interesting for 26 Lada economists as seeing one of the latest products from their company on sale here.

The Soviet academics are at Coventry Polytechnic's business school as part of a programme to update their own industry.

One Lada they have never seen before is a convertible version sold only in Britain. Sensitive to jokes about the cars, one said that a Lada convertible would not be needed at home because of the weather. Clearly he had never heard the cruel British joke that you call an open-topped Lada a skip.

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Business sees an end to the paper chase

The continual circulation of documents will drain away when EDI, the electronic transfer of business information, builds its position in Britain, already a leader in the field among European countries. Matthew May reports

At least 70 per cent of the information keyed into an average computer system is now said to consist of data produced by another computer. The expense and time this involves goes some way to explain the continued fierce growth of paperless trading, in which information can be sent from one computer directly to another.

In business, this alternative allows for such transactions as electronic ordering and electronic invoicing to take place over computer links, saving not only the re-keying of the data but the printing-out and posting of the information that often precedes it. Electronic data interchange, or EDI, is the term used to describe this electronic transfer of business information, but it includes an important extra — that the information should be sent in a format that conforms to certain standards. This type of electronic trading promises the end of repetitive paperwork, form-filling and stock orders. EDI can also speed up the trading cycle, allowing for more efficiency and the refinement of techniques such as just-in-time manufacturing and reduced stock levels.

> *'Ultimately, it is small firms that will determine whether or not EDI is to be successful'*

EDI is used predominantly between large business customers and their suppliers for the electronic exchange of purchase orders and invoices and is particularly popular in the retail trade, especially with groups such as Boots, Marks & Spencer and Tesco, and the motor trade, which accounts for about 10 per cent of all EDI users in Britain. General Motors, with more than 800 suppliers connected throughout Europe, is considered the biggest user.

Proponents believe that not only will electronic payments soon become widespread, closing the "loop" as it is often called, but that government bodies will use it to move administrative information between various departments and authorities in the public sector and to link with the private sector for the electronic collection of official information such as VAT returns.

Like many computer developments, paperless trading has been held back less by the limitations of the technology than the need for clear standards that can surmount the complexities of trying to get the different systems of companies to communicate with one another in a straightforward and simple way. Although two companies wanting to deal with each other electronically may be able to adjust their computer systems so that information can be easily exchanged, the situation quickly becomes complex if several companies are involved and each is having to accommodate the quirks of every other system.

If a common standard is used, companies have only to convert their data once in the knowledge that it can then be dealt with by any other trading partner. Unfortunately, life is not that simple: different industries and different countries may use quite different "standards". Any discussion of EDI can soon become lost in a torrent of acronyms describing the assorted standards and the many different organisations and bodies set up to represent various interests.

Some industries see the logic of creating standards applicable to their own chains of suppliers and customers but believe that trying to introduce wider and international standards will be fraught with problems. "There is", says a recent report by the International Data Corporation (IDC), a research consultancy, "the risk of creating sectorial EDI ghettos, which would limit the development possibilities of inter-sectorial trading. This is the rationale behind Edifact [an internationally agreed way to send messages] and while it may speed up the development of new European projects, the current moves towards standardisation are still proceeding extremely slowly."

Those looking at the longer term believe that wide standards will become increasingly necessary as EDI becomes international and begins to involve more than just a customer-supplier relationship.

Electronic data interchange will affect much of society, leading to more efficiency in operations such as supermarkets, car-assembly lines, hospitals and schools

Though establishing Edifact standards has been slow, the concept received a boost last week when 18 types of standard message were agreed on as ready for use.

For the novice, such problems are likely to make EDI look more complicated and daunting than it is in practice. For a start, there are specific networks set up to help EDI users. These offer to take messages in, perhaps, one EDI standard and transmit them to their destination having, where necessary, translated them to another EDI standard. In 1990, the IDC says, four-fifths of the European market for EDI was accounted for by the sale of network services.

The potentially huge benefits of EDI have resulted in systems that can save some large businesses millions of pounds if they can deal with possibly a hundred or more smaller suppliers electronically. This has meant that EDI is often seen as being forced on to small suppliers by a dominant customer.

Geri Schuch, a senior consultant with the Hoskyns Group, says: "Small companies have recently been heard complaining that their larger customers have issued ultimatums — either install EDI or we will stop doing business with you. Yet it is these businesses that will ultimately determine whether or not EDI is successful."

Smaller companies may have the relatively cheap option of accepting EDI information via a personal computer, then processing it in the same way as other orders received by fax or post.

The full benefits of paperless trading, however, come only when the electronic transmissions are integrated fully into a company's computer system so that, for example, an order is automatically fed into and affects those programs dealing with production runs. EDI, however, is believed to account for fewer than 1 per cent of all transactions because fewer than 5,000 companies use it — and Britain is by far Europe's biggest user.

The comparative smallness of the EDI world at its present stage of development creates among those involved the feeling of an exclusive coterie; they develop the feeling of being a small group on a mission to establish a technology they are sure will eventually become as common as the personal computer on the desk when the rest of business appreciates the possibilities.

For those willing to use EDI to the full and, perhaps, release more sensitive information than they would normally give, the benefits can be great. In parts of the retail industry, delivery times can be reduced from weeks to days, especially if a supplier is allowed electronic access to figures about a customer's current stock levels, sales figures and forecasts.

Some customers have embraced the idea but others are wary of sharing sales information, especially if a supplier also deals with competitors. The more open trading relationships offered by EDI require a different sort of thinking, and some organisations are having trouble coming to terms with that.

As for banks, although the large banks are now keener on providing electronic payment services, they have previously been accused of being reluctant to promote such services because they lose the interest available when money passes through their hands more slowly. The banks also think that their customers may be reluctant to pay the true fee for handling such payments.

Similarly, though some customers welcome electronic payments and arrange a discount with their suppliers in return for guaranteed and fast payment, others fear they may have to pay faster. No longer can it be said that the cheque is in the post.

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Leading, but slowly

EDI is catching on with British business, Andrew Hinchley reports, yet it needs a further catalyst

For years, Britain has led Europe in the use of electronic data interchange. Although the recession may have slowed the pace, There is evidence that Britain is likely to keep that lead for a while yet.

About 4,500 British companies now use EDI. International Network Service (INS), which operates Britain's biggest EDI network, has reported a record growth in the number of new users in recent months while there *is* no let-up in the increase in the number of suppliers offering software for EDI in Britain.

EDI growth has, however, not met the predictions made for it in recent years and is not delivering the volumes that service providers expected. Only a handful of leading companies seem to have adopted EDI wholeheartedly and to have taken their trading partners with them. What will be required to bring EDI to a wider British business audience?

Keith Blacker, the EDI product manager for Lucas Engineering and Systems, believes that presenting EDI as a means to an end will not help to further its growth. "Changed business practice needs EDI," he says. "It is not EDI that changes business practice."

This wider view of the potential benefits of EDI has particular relevance in the manufacturing industry and moves the rationale for EDI beyond the traditionally cited gains of direct savings in time or inventory cost.

In Britain, the retail sector has provided the most publicised examples of the benefits of EDI. Tesco's recently announced 22 per cent increase in operating profits was greatly helped by the company's investment in information technology, including a large programme of EDI implementation with suppliers.

Sir Ian MacLaurin, the chairman of Tesco, says that further investment in EDI and other advanced technology in its supply of fresh food lines is expected to add £15 million a year to profits during the next three years.

Although big retailers can demonstrate these benefits, not every company involved in EDI has been able to make such claims. The costs of manufacturers and suppliers can actually rise because of the need to meet the increased demands made of them by customers for reduced lead times and smaller and more frequent deliveries of goods.

In a survey of 135 British companies with a combined turnover of £46 billion, PE In*ternational, a marketing and* computing consultancy, found the need for closer working relationships was considered vital if all parties in the supply chain were to gain maximum benefit from EDI.

Retailers in the United States have widely adopted what is termed quick response (QR), the retail equivalent of just-in-time manufacturing, which is based on such changed relationships.

According to Jan Szymankiewicz, the managing director of P-E's logistics division, "British companies are three or four years behind their United States counterparts in QR and are failing to gain advantages from EDI because of fears related to confidentiality and a tradition of adversarial relationships".

In some cases, the implementation of QR in the United States has resulted in top manufacturers taking over the management of inventory from retailers.

Service industries face quite different challenges in using EDI in the way they deliver their service to the customer.

Financial services, transport and travel are sectors affected and, in some cases, traditional business may be at risk.

Peter Allsopp, the head of the payment systems division at the Bank of England, says: "EDI could help the banking industry combat the threat of competitors invading their territory and reducing the uniqueness of services now on offer."

In transport, the role of freight forwarders will be changed as leading exporters and importers adopt EDI. There is also much potential for the government to influence the spread of EDI by using it.

The National Health Service has separately made a commitment that 80 per cent of the value of its purchases should be dealt with via EDI by 1992. The NHS has more than 10,000 suppliers and spends £6 billion on goods and services annually.

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Government by computer

Public bodies are finally seeing the potential for information transfers

Twenty years ago, British customs pioneered a form of paperless trading when it introduced an electronic cargo-handling and customs declaration system at London's Heathrow airport. The system was the most advanced in Europe, and subsequent customs systems, for sea as well as air, have kept a slight lead.

Other government departments have been slower to see the importance of EDI until the past two years, during which several ministries have started initiatives, most which are still at the planning stage.

The first move occurred in the National Health Service, which announced in 1989 that it planned to bring most of its 10,000 suppliers into EDI within three years. Some regional health authorities have complied with the NHS's central call, and there are now a few hundred EDI users in the health sector. Starting last year, the central unit of purchasing in the Treasury began developing guidelines for a unified electronic purchasing system, codenamed Pursuit, which 18 other departments plan to follow. A frontrunner is the Department of Finance in Northern Ireland, which has already implemented a sophisticated ordering system with HMSO, the government stationer and publisher, which will spread to other suppliers.

> *'These messages will be important for Europe as a whole after the beginning of 1993'*

These projects have used EDI for procurement, but there is another form of EDI, which covers any big flows of data between departments or between the public and the departments.

The Department of Education and Science (DES), for instance, has started a system for passing teachers' records and statistics electronically between schools, local education authorities and the DES itself.

The Home Office is studying ways of passing details of offences between the courts, the police and the vehicle licensing office, and the environment department is looking at links between central and local government.

In the administrative uses of EDI, France is aiming for a leading role, by taking a wider view of administrative EDI. Claude Chiaramonti, a statistician in the prime minister's office, is the moving spirit behind this strategy.

He has initiated a flood of innovative projects in different ministries. M Chiaramonti says: "France may build up a lead in administrative EDI, as the UK has built a lead in trade EDI."

The French projects include the electronic transfer of records of migrant workers between EC countries, social security information passing electronically between companies and the department of social security, and records of traffic offences. *Outside* central government, two initiatives are planned to update information about the infrastructure of towns and the environment. The transmitted information would include building permits, traffic surveys and details of roadworks, public-utility works and data for geographical information systems. M Chiaramonti wants to see the development of a new international "language" for administrative EDI messages alongside Edifact, the existing standards for trade messages.

He adds: "These administrative messages will become important for Europe as a whole after the beginning of 1993, as little by little the administrative regulations of the EC countries converge in areas such as VAT and trade statistics."

Other European countries are spending a lot of money developing administrative EDI. The Netherlands has a scheme for electronic tax declarations, a project for recording house ownership and social security applications.

Norway is developing what it calls a national infrastructure plan for electronic links between government departments and private industry, with projects in health care, the public roads administration and defence.

RICHARD SARSON

What if there is no letter for the law?

The legal status of much electronic information can be hard to determine

COMMERCIAL practice can often move ahead of legislation governing its use, with the result that laws frequently restrict the use of new technologies and techniques.

In the case of electronic trading, legislation does not explicitly demand the use of paper, but legal terminology will often do so, requiring the presentation of documents to be in writing and signed, which means that the use of EDI can create legal insecurity.

Electronic messages are ephemeral, so producing an acceptable record of what has occurred between trading parties can, in the event of a dispute, be difficult. The replacement of electronic records with paper records can give rise to important evidential issues. What is the legal status of the documents being communicated and what statutory record-keeping requirements exist? Commentators have often criticised existing evidential legislation, such as the Civil Evidence Act 1968, arguing that the requirements laid down for the admissibility in court of electronic records are outdated and can create serious obstacles for business compliance. Legislation seems to have confused issues concerning the reliability of computer evidence with admissibility to court.

Legal books: a chapter ends?

The Law Commission is reviewing such rules, which may lead to the law more accurately reflecting the place of computers in modern business.

The symbolic function of paper documents, by which physical possession of a document invests the holder with certain legal rights, raises the most difficult legal issues for electronic trading. Possession of a bill of lading, for example, shows evidence of a legal title to the goods. However, the whole aim of an electronic environment is to "dematerialise" such legal instruments and remove the packaging.

Administrative rules and regulations can also impede the adoption of EDI. The range of documents required by government bodies is vast, and to enable such submissions to be made electronically requires not only changes in the terminology of regulations but also the installation of the technology by the relevant authorities to receive such data.

Legal issues were a main area of research in the first stage of the European Commission's Tedis programme to promote the development of EDI. In late 1990, a report was published surveying legislation and regulations that could have an effect on the development of EDI. A second stage will extend this initial study to the six European Free Trade Association countries and will consider whether national legislation needs to be harmonised in terms of the EC single market. The commission has also been drafting a model agreement for use by EDI users.

The removal of legislative obstacles can be expected to take several years. In the short term, it has been seen as commercially prudent for EDI users to establish a contractual agreement on paper to enhance legal security — EDI interchange agreements. In 1987, the International Chamber of Commerce published a set of rules intended as a code of conduct to provide for a level of commercial good practice to which all users can accede. The rules form the basis of the EDI Association's standard interchange agreement, which can be adopted by users.

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Letter at the end of the chain

PERHAPS one of the most surprising new entrants in the market for EDI services is the Post Office. As the whole idea of paperless trading is that computer should speak directly to computer, then by definition the posting of documents should be redundant.

Not so, say those in charge of the nation's mail, who have just announced a pilot service for business *customers* to convert their electronic communications into physical mail and then post it.

Called Edipost, *it is a* curious halfway house aimed at bridging the gap between between one organisation producing documents by EDI and trading partners who are not able or willing to use EDI.

From the middle of next year companies will be able to transmit information electronically to the Mount Pleasant sorting office in London. These *documents* will then be printed, put in envelopes and sent off by first-class post.

There may be some who think such a service is to EDI what the telegram is to its replacement, the telemessage, *which also relies on messages* being relayed to the Post Office and then sent off by first-class post.

However, large companies are clearly interested. Participants in the pilot service, due to start in January, include Littlewoods, British Telecom, and Barclays Bank.

"Big users of EDI do actually want Edipost," says Gary Lynch, a management consultant with Patrick Finch Associates, which specialises in EDI, "as they have to run dual systems to cope with those of their suppliers who will not use EDI and they may save a day off delivery time."

The Irish Post Office is already running just such a system used by, among others, Guinness, which provides the post office with messages sent electronically that are then printed off and posted on to publicans.

PETER TREVNOR

Growing profits: mushroom grower Guy Gooding hopes to speed up payments from Tesco by swapping information about supplies electronically

Retail savings mushroom

Food is fresher on supermarket shelves and shops can hold less stock. Derek Harris reports

Family business James A Gooding has been growing mushrooms for 25 years and claims to be the biggest privately-owned producer in Britain. About 120,000lb of mushrooms are cropped weekly from its darkened sheds in the Cambridgeshire countryside.

Guy Gooding, the production director — his father James is chairman — says the company decided to computerise for electronic data interchange because it believed that within a few years this would be the standard practice.

Clerks taking orders over the telephone and jotting details on pieces of paper can easily lead to errors, Mr Gooding says. EDI has solved that problem while also saving time.

Gooding has been dealing with Tesco, the supermarket chain, electronically for three months. It also supplies another big food chain as well as many other trade users. With Tesco, a leading proponent of EDI in the trade, Gooding gets a seven day ordering programme.

Six days a week, the routine for fine-tuning the seven-day order forecast is the same. A finalised order for pre-packed mushrooms comes through in the evening. By 1pm the following day, a topping-up order on loose mushrooms is finalised so that at 2pm the total shipment, both pre-packed and loose, can go out to two of Tesco's chain of warehouses. The mushrooms are on the shelves 24 hours after being picked.

Stores are able to place orders as close as possible to the time of sale and suppliers can get their goods on to the supermarket shelves in the peak of condition. The concept, known as "just in time" delivery in manufacturing, is producing advantages for retailing too.

The benefits of EDI for suppliers such as Gooding could increase. "Already we think it worth the investment. There is also the promise of electronic invoicing, which should mean we would be paid more quickly," Mr Gooding says. Typically, the trader in fresh vegetables could expect payment in three to four weeks when pre-elecronic systems are in use. Mr Gooding hopes that will come down to about ten days.

The retailer also expects cost savings by moving stocks through its distribution system at high speed. Tesco has already cut average holdings of stock from three weeks' worth of sales to 2.5 weeks' in stores using the system. Tesco aims to cut average stocks down to two weeks during the next three years, saving £15 million a year.

David Raid, Tesco's finance director, says: "Sales-based ordering means it is possible to fine-tune by using electronic checkout information and other forecasting elements and accounts for the biggest savings. EDI is essentially a communications system and fine-tunes distribution to the warehouse."

Tesco claims to be the biggest retail user of EDI. By the end of October it expects to have 600 of its 2,000 or so key suppliers streamlining goods deliveries to its warehouses through the use of EDI. This number will be doubled quickly.

One advanced version of the system features a 13-week rolling forecast of demand by Tesco. There are plans to bring at least 50 operators into this network, at present used by only its biggest suppliers,

Grand Metropolitan's Eden Vale has more than 50 dairy product lines manufactured at four different factories, at which Tesco's needs are transmitted direct to the factories without intervention from the Eden Vale central operation.

Checks still need to be done — from Tesco's computer input to the hiccups that a limited special promotion by Eden Vale might produce — but Eden Vale estimates there has been an average two-hour saving by the elimination of additional inputting of information.

Pedigree, the Mars Corporation subsidiary that makes petfood, is keen about EDI because the information gathered can enhance marketing strategies. David Bryant, Pedigree's customer services manager, believes business processes will be changed by electronic communications.

Traders chase more progress

Computers can now tell exporters where supplies are just in time

The theory behind the single European market due to come into operation at the beginning of 1993 is that those goods that do not have a special customs duty attached should be able to move freely within the borders of the European Community.

If the market works as planned it will remove many of the present customs bottlenecks but, although advantageous for European trade, the single market will drastically reduce the scope for EDI in handling customs requirements.

This perhaps explains, and partly justifies, what many have seen as procrastination by Europe's freight industry in getting involved with EDI. Data transfer initiatives such as the Trans-European Network — which is planned to link European Community governments — will have little significance when it comes to the movement of goods. Much of the paperwork that now takes place at national borders, such as VAT payments and customs declarations should switch to trading premises from the beginning of 1993. What is questionable, however, is the extent to which traders and customs are equipped to handle international EDI messages.

A new EDI system, Fastfreight, has been designed by the Port of Dover and HM Customs. Only 20,000, or 3 per cent, of Dover's export consignments are covered by Fastfreight; the remainder are still entered manually.

Such customs declarations are usually made by third-party freight forwarders or customs brokers — a sector in which 100,000 European jobs are considered at risk if traders no longer need to put in individual documents for each customs post.

John Turgoose

John Turgoose, the general manager of business development for the Port of Dover, says: "Because the agents in general are seeing a major reduction in their role for the future, most of them are not showing a great deal of interest in new electronic systems. With the breakdown of borders the real use of EDI is for progress information." Companies investing in EDI to make their supply chains more efficient could also include cross-border transport in their calculations.

ICI uses an EDI service to communicate with deep-sea shipping lines. Pandoro, the Irish sea operator, is now in communication with large customers such as Pilkington and British Steel over an EDI network. David Schofield, Pandoro's computer development manager, says: "The benefit of EDI is accuracy of information. We do not rely on telephone calls and people writing the wrong information down. The information comes straight from our customers' own internal systems."

Unisys, the computer manufacturer, is said to have saved £7 million by combining a reduction of logistics centres in 14 countries with a new delivery management system and a programme of EDI in transport.

Thomas Carey, the Unisys director of logistics, says: "I want to be able to understand where a product is in the process; I do not want to hear where it was two days ago — that is unacceptable in our environment from now on. We have had to live with that in the past but EDI changes all that."

KEVIN WILLMOTT

Financial EDI – fact or fiction?

BANK INVOLVEMENT OFFERS ATTRACTIVE STARTING POINT FOR NEW PAPERLESS TRADERS

If you have watched the progress of electronic trading in recent months, you could be forgiven for thinking that the sensible course is to stand back and see where the whirling pace of technological progress ends up.

Like all developing markets, EDI marches ahead with unbounded enthusiasm from its proponents. constantly looking ahead, trying new concepts, striving for the perfection which they hope one day to reach. For the early participant and the interested bystander alike, this can be, to say the least, off-putting.

Yet, amid all this development, the concept of 'paperless trading' is now becoming increasingly established among many sectors of industry.

Companies have seen through the technological features to the managerial benefits, and begun – with care – to implement EDI-based trading systems within their organisational structures.

Now, the involvement of the major UK clearing banks in the EDI marketplace is helping to give paperless trading a greater focus within many UK corporates. Those who have been waiting in the wings may now feel confident in taking the plunge.

Last year, at EDI 90, National Westminster Bank launched its electronic trade payment service, BankLine Interchange. Developed by the Bank's dedicated EDI Unit, this product helps to achieve two things.

First, for those corporates already implementing EDI trading systems for stocking and order processing, it completes the chain, by providing a fully electronic payment service using the EDI value-added networks which are at the heart of current electronic trading activity.

Second, it provides a highly accessible starting-point for companies seeking to enter the EDI era with confidence, but unsure of where to begin.

The advantages of an EDI-integrated payment service are clear. Any company developing paperless systems to automate its on-site and central stock controls, ordering and inventory management, had until recently to revert to paper trading when it came to settling suppliers' accounts. This meant sending out paper remittance advice notes, even when payments had been automated. Typically, it also meant cheques authorised by company signatories for processing through suppliers' own bank accounts in the traditional ways.

With EDI payment through NatWest's BankLine Interchange, much of that expensive bureaucracy can now be done away with. Cheques are replaced by 'payment orders', authorised by an electronic signature carried on a 'smartcard' and accompanied by an electronic remittance advice. Fed into BankLine Interchange via a PC, these instructions are then processed by NatWest, and payment is committed.

On Day 1, NatWest despatches an electronic debit advice to the payer, and a simultaneous electronic (or paper) credit advice to the payee, together with the remittance advice. Then, on Day 3, debit and credit entries are made simultaneously to the companies' respective bank accounts.

In this way, purchasing companies get better control over their funds and a lower level of bureaucracy in dealing with settlement. Suppliers, meanwhile, are certain of payment – this is guaranteed by NatWest from Day 1 – but also automatically receive the essential remittance advice data they need, alongside the credit advice.

The advantages of entering into EDI via BankLine Interchange are also clear. As the 'last link in the chain', an EDI – based payment service can, in the first instance, stand alone. From that base, however, client companies can use the expertise of NatWest's EDI Unit and its independent computing services subsidiary Centre-file to help plan and develop a fully integrated EDI system, stretching back through their organisations right to the point of sale.

Driving the advance of EDI, among the 4,000 or so users now in the marketplace, are those major organisations in industries such as multiple retailing, auto manufacture, chemicals etc. For them, the reliability and efficiency of supply – as well as the need to reduce stock levels and benefit from just-in-time manufacturing programmes – are of considerable economic importance.

One of the first major users of BankLine Interchange is the retailer Spar (UK) Ltd, the UK's leading convenience store group. Spar's chief executive John Irish believes that bringing payment within the EDI network is a major contributor to building EDI relationships with his suppliers.

"We are using all the various manifestations of EDI to help us bring a diverse organisation of nine wholesalers and 2,500 retailers closer together."

"Working with NatWest on this final stage – closing the payment knit – reduces our workload and reduces errors. That in turn helps us to foster better relationships with suppliers – closer, faster relationships which will be of benefit both to them and to us".

NatWest's entry into EDI has reflected a blend of two factors – the caution which every company must display when dealing with a fast-developing technology, and the clear realisation that EDI needs payment services to present a truly credible 'paperless trading' package.

The three-year-old EDI Unit has worked closely with Centre-file and with the major EDI influencers in developing its products. Bankline Interchange complies with both Edifact and Tradacoms standards, and is compatible with the INS, AT&T Istel and IBM value-added networks through which most EDI is now conducted.

At the same time, NatWest has taken its share of the responsibility for educating its customers in the potential of EDI.

"In a market at this exciting stage of development, there's bound to be a good deal of hype and wishful thinking. As a major bank, we believe it is our duty to help our customers get the truest, clearest picture of what EDI can and cannot do for them, and to help them introduce it in a way which makes long term business sense', says NatWest's Richard Boniface.

As a bank, NatWest not surprisingly focuses on the cost advantages of EDI payment. Traditional cheque or BACS transaction charges may be low, but the added costs of administration have led to estimates of between £5 and £20 as the price of every corporate payment. Each BankLine Interchange payment costs around £1.

As a leading voice in EDI development, however, NatWest points to wider benefits, reflecting the experience of Spar and other major 'customer' organisations. The future of EDI relies on effective use and reuse of data throughout the supply chain, from raw materials to the point of sale.

Any purchaser who wants to take advantage of the fast, reliable, cost effective supply lines which EDI can bring, would be well advised to offer suppliers something in return.

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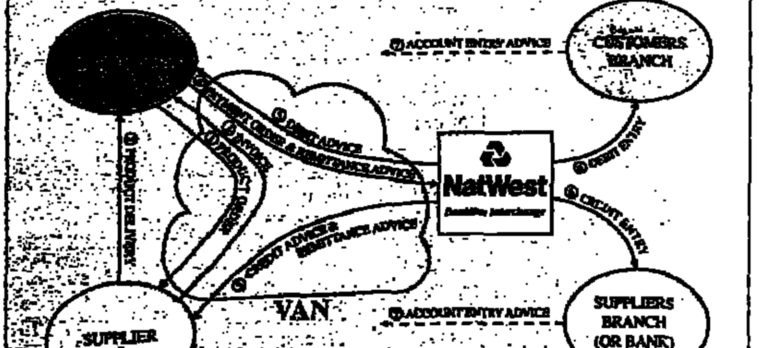

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Planned as a national system to allow the electronic exchange of business information across the public and the private sector, the network was built in less than two years and started in 1989.

Tradenet started with only 50 companies but has since experienced explosive growth. It now has 1,300 subscribers and handles about three-quarters of the total trade declarations submitted to government agencies.

This is equivalent to 2.7 million EDI trade declarations a year, according to Yeo Seng Teck, the chief executive officer of the Singapore trade development board, which has now closed its manual counters completely.

Internationally, Tradenet has links with the GEIS (General Electric Information Services) network, which operates in 750 cities, the SITA network, which connects the international air community, and a network run by the Port of Rotterdam.

Effectively, Singapore is converting its entire economy to use EDI, both for national and international traffic. Since its implementation Tradenet has resulted in productivity gains of 20-30 per cent, cost savings of up to 50 per cent and the the immediate onward movement of goods.

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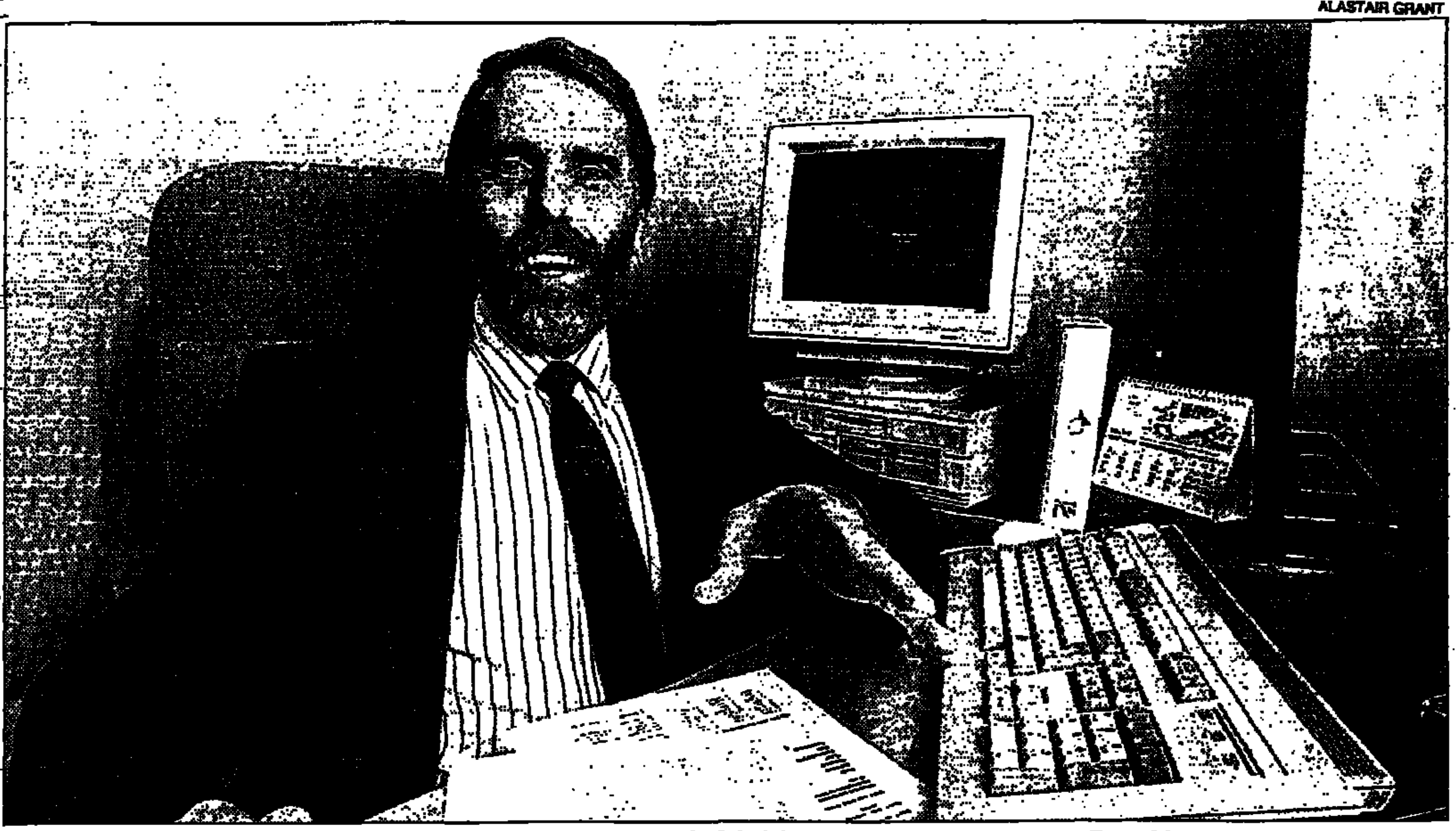

ALASTAIR GRANT

Valued networker: John Jenkins, the marketing manager of INS, Britain's largest EDI network, now challenged by the might of BT

Middle man to big business

Value-added networks are booming, despite moves to standardise. Richard Sarson reports

When electronic trading communities in different industries started up six years ago, it became clear to the pioneers that providing individual links between the incompatible computers of trading partners would be expensive, complicated and time-consuming.

Instead, they opted to go through electronic clearing houses specialising in EDI, which would provide a mailbox system for the hundreds of users in the trading community, and thus throw the responsibility for overcoming the incompatibilities of different types of computer systems on to these operators.

Known as value-added networks these organisations provided more and more services to ease the novice's entry into EDI. John Jenkins, the marketing manager of INS, Britain's largest EDI network, describes the service as having several layers.

At the bottom is the physical network over which the messages pass and at the top are gateways to other networks. In between lies software for handling different communications protocols translating the customer's data into the Edifact, Tradacoms or Odette languages used.

Those using EDI are particularly concerned about security, passwords and audit trails as well as so-called "enabling" software, which integrates EDI into the user's application.

People sometimes asume that all the EDI networks offer a similar service, but it is wise for potential customers to look at the fine print on subjects such as disaster recovery, support of protocols and the types of audit provided for these services.

What, however, is most likely to determine the choice of a particular network is the industry of the user, as it is unwise to be out of step with one's trading partners.

INS's Tradanet dominates the retail, DIY and electrical industries, and shares the insurance market with IBM. AT&T-Easylink — previously Istel — is strong in manufacturing, the automotive industry and travel. IBM's Information Network runs the London Insurance Market Network and is making some inroads into retail and DIY. The health care industry is open to all three networks.

In international trade, the main contenders are General Electric Information Services, which owns 40 per cent of INS, and IBM. However, AT&T and BT, both of whom have large EDI services in the United States, will increasingly become international competitors, as will Infonet, a consortium of national telecommunications authorities from around the world. Although there are links in place between some of the networks, users make surprisingly little use of these interconnections.

Next month, BT is due to announce its long-awaited entry into EDI in Britain based on its American service, which it bought from McDonnell Douglas two years ago.

The customers will not be in industry niches, but will be the "biggest companies in the world", which also need other worldwide services, according to Peter Cook, the marketing manager for BT's Global Network Services.

BT enters the market at a time when the other networks are quite stretched to accommodate the demand, which appears to be recession-proof. INS has 100 new users a month, and AT&T's is enjoying 50 per cent growth.

Cost benefit of going electronic

The extra customers gained could pay for the price of installing EDI

Companies just starting to use electronic trading have the advantage that EDI is no longer uncharted territory, no matter the sector or size of business. Other companies will have already installed the software, connected to the networks and sent the messages.

In Britain, most new users are being invited to start EDI by their larger trading partners. Some companies will have to comply because many large trading partners, particularly retailers, are moving towards EDI as a condition of trading. If not doing EDI means losing important customers, choices are clearly limited. However, companies should be positive and aim to take maximum advantage of the opportunity presented by EDI. A supplier able to offer electronic trading to other customers as an added service may gain a competitive edge. Other potential EDI benefits include reduced costs and more efficient procedures in, for example, the production of invoices, which could make for prompter payments.

Most users still begin EDI on a personal computer (PC), which often requires dedicated PCs, the extraction of received EDI data on to paper and re-keying.

This is far from ideal, but it provides an entry into EDI and, if the right software choice is made, future expansion and integration will be possible.

Even big companies often use PCs to connect their EDI applications to more sophisticated computer systems because complete integration with existing applications could be an expensive step that they are unwilling to take until more experience has been gained.

A survey by the *EDI Analysis* newsletter found that more than 70 EDI software packages are available throughout Europe for PC, mid-range and mainframe systems. When a choice is being made, factors to be considered include the requirements of likely trading partners.

Difficulties may arise, for example, if a supplier to several larger customers is requested to install and support different software, message standards and network connections for every trading relationship. The necessity to invest in more than one software package can be avoided because many solutions are available to meet all of these requirements. The cost of getting started will vary. International Network Services (INS), the provider of the UK Tradanet network service, for example, sells a package including software, installation, training and a Tradanet joining fee for about £5,000. This excludes the required hardware, which consists of a standard IBM-compatible PC and a modem.

The ability to integrate EDI with existing software is a vital factor because the real benefits come only when the re-keying of data is avoided. Despite a common view that message standards are no longer an issue in moving into EDI, lack of standardisation is cited in a recent European survey as the prime inhibitor.

Most users are being invited to start EDI by trading partners

ABIGAIL WINEBERG

Banks close the electronic loop

British bankers are cooperating to provide a direct invoicing and payments service to customers and their suppliers

Next month, the five leading British banks are due to launch a service for information data exchange to be known as IDX. This will enable corporate customers of Barclays, Lloyds, Midland, NatWest and the Royal Bank of Scotland to make electronic payments to suppliers and send statements of the payment via their banks.

To receive a remittance message electronically, along with notification of a credit, suppliers will initially have to bank with one of those in the consortium, although the service is due to be extended to other financial institutions and their customers once a six-month pilot stage is completed.

This new service is intended to close the electronic trading loop. Previously, a company that has been using EDI to place orders and receive invoices has had to break the electronic cycle when it comes to making payments, as it has not been possible to transfer EDI remittance advices across the banks' existing payment networks.

Banks are now racing to offer corporate customers an easy and cost-effective form of EDI connection.

NatWest has developed a service called Bankline Interchange. Its first customer was the Spar grocery association, which has nine wholesalers and 2,500 outlets in Britain. Spar has been sending electronic instructions to NatWest for a year and now makes electronic payments in excess of £200 million to the manufacturers of Spar "own brand" products.

John Irish, the chief executive, says: "Using EDI has enabled us to reduce our workload and cut out errors. In doing so, we have been able to foster closer relationships with suppliers, which benefit both them and us."

Another NatWest customer for EDI payments is the Sheffield health authority , which has begun to send EDI payments to its suppliers. Payment is made using smart cards. The authority says that by paying on a guaranteed basis, it aims to get discounts at least equal to the interest on the money that it would otherwise have had on deposit.

There are big savings to be made in the health service. Sheffield health authority, for instance, has about 7,000 regular suppliers, generating between them more than 300,000 invoices per year.

Barclays' first customer for an EDI settlement service was Norwich health authority. It has now formed a consortium with others to sell an EDI package to other Barclays customers.

Midland Bank is on the point of launching Tradepay, while Lloyds offers an EDI module as part of its Lloydslink portfolio of electronic banking services.

The Royal Bank of Scotland, however, prefers not to offer a branded product. "We are tailoring our EDI payments service to our customers' needs," says Charles Gibbs, a manager in the bank's payments services division.

"Large corporate customers can link their mainframe to our mainframe and integrate their EDI payments and receipts with our cash management service. But we will also supply software for the smaller company to run on a personal computer." The Bank of Scotland, which is not a member of the IDX consortium, has come up with its own system Edipay.

For suppliers that do not bank with one of the five IDX banks, the banks in the scheme will credit a supplier's account in the usual way, but pass on the remittance message by fax or post.

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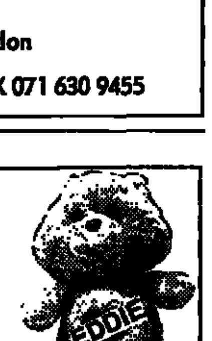

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Badie to follow in famous footsteps

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MICHAEL PHILLIPS

ON THE corresponding day last year, Shadayid confirmed that she was a classic winner in the making by easily landing the Kensington Palace Stakes at Ascot. Today her younger half-brother Badie lays his unbeaten record on the line by contesting the PCL Japan Society Stakes at the Berkshire course.

The two relations are as different as chalk and cheese. Shadayid is always on the go, both at home and on the racecourse, whereas Badie is much more relaxed.

Indeed, before his first race at Kempton he had been going so lazily at home that his connections thought he was bound to need a race to wake him up. In the event he was sharp enough, and the way he buckled down to his task in the straight that day was wholly admirable because his principal rival, Lucky Lindy, who had already had a run, was not stopping.

Sadly, Lucky Lindy was withdrawn from his intended race at Kempton on Tuesday depriving us of the chance to make a more accurate assessment of Badie's performance. However, the fourth home, *Free Flyer, has come out since* and won well at Sandown.

With Assessor, Young Senor and Amthaal also standing their ground today we should be a lot the wiser about Badie by this evening.

After winning at Kempton first time out, Assessor has been placed in races won by Rodrigo De Triano and Twist And Turn at Newbury and Sandown respectively.

On his only previous appearance at Ascot, Young Senor twisted his head around in the stalls and lost whatever chance he had of winning the Chesham Stakes during the *Royal meeting* because he was still entangled when the gates opened.

By running Dr Devious to three-quarters of a length at Newmarket afterwards he proved that he would have gone close with a level start.

Amthaal, who is deputising *for his stable companion Balla Jidaal* now that the latter has been rerouted to Newmarket *for the Middle Park Stakes*, is said to be a promising first foal out of that good mare *Maysoon*.

However, the task of landing today's nap is entrusted to Lanfranco Dettori on Red Slippers in the Kensington Palace Graduation Stakes.

When she was beaten two lengths by Chicmond on her debut at Nottingham in July, Red Slippers finished 12 lengths ahead of the remainder, which is usually a good sign. Chicmond has confirmed the value of the form by winning his next four races, including the group three Solario Stakes at Sandown.

In the circumstances I believe Red Slippers should prove capable of beating Raven Runner, who also showed plenty of promise on her debut when second to Perfect Circle at Kempton.

Cantoris should again go well in the Japan Festival Charity Cup, having won the corresponding event a year ago, but I feel there will be no stopping the recent Portland Handicap and Ayr Gold Cup winner Sarcita, who is clearly improving in leaps and bounds.

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ASCOT: 1.30 Shaleel, Magic Secret; 2.30 Step High. HAYDOCK PARK: 2.15 Run And Deliver, 2.45 Family At War, Warrior Prince. REDCAR: 2.20 Deighton Lad, Glow Of The Glen, Maggie's Song; 3.25 Mister Bandit, Walking Possession.

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2.20 Fair Flyer. 2.50 Wasaif. 3.25 Motovski. 4.00 Salman. 4.30 Bill Moon. 5.00 Chloes Diamond. *5.30 Haymarket.*

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2.20 Glow Of The Glen. 2.50 Ziska. 3.25 Musical Cascade. 4.00 Top Scale. 4.30 Sixofus. 5.00 Chloes Diamond. 5.30 Showgi.

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(2-Y-O: £2,853: 6f) (21 runners)

1 3304 LEONADIS POLK 21 (B,C,F) W Pearce 9-4 D Nicholls 18
2 1436 MARIECURIE EXPRESS 17 (D,F) J Berry 8-13 Emma O'Gorman (5) 6
3 0063- FAIR FLYER 10 (B) G Lewis 8-11 Paul Eddery 1
4 5000 HILLTOWN BLUES 28 (B) M H Easterby 8-11 M Birch 8
5 080 JUST-GO-AGAIN 9 J Jefferson 8-11 W Ryan 14
6 0050 KERTALE 13 R Boss 8-11 M Tebbutt 2
7 5000 KING OPTIMIST 9 (B) A Smith 8-11 S Webster 16
8 00 MAYO MAN 84 Mrs G Reveley 8-11 A Culhane 19
9 580 SAKHAROV 11 F Lee 8-11 D Biggs (5) 13
10 00 SMART MOVER 17 N Bycroft 8-11 G Bardwell 20
11 DANCING WILD Mrs G Reveley 8-6 J Fortune 5
12 0000 DEIGHTON LASS 78 (B) M Dods 8-6 R Lappin 10
13 3230 GLOW OF THE GLEN 28 (V) M H Easterby 8-6 K Darley 12
14 0044 HAXBY LASS 6 M Brittain 8-6 S Maloney (5) 17
15 000 JUDYS GIRL 20 T Fairhurst 8-6 J Fanning (5) 15
16 00 KELLY COLLEEN 46 A Harrison 8-6 J Quinn 11
17 5405 KISS ME LAUREL 11 Mrs G Reveley 8-6 Paul Burke 7
18 0000 LOOSE SPIRIT 9 (B) P Haslam 8-6 Mick Denaro (7) 9
19 6063 MAGGIE'S SONG 74 (B) M W Easterby 8-6 L Charnock 3
20 4 MISS PARKES 41 J Berry 8-6 J Carroll 21
21 QUEEN'S TICKLE A Jarvis 8-6 — 4

5-1 Fair Flyer, 6-1 Mariecurie Express, 8-1 Glow Of The Glen, Sakharov, 10-1 Miss Parkes, Haxby Lass, 12-1 others.

2.50 BBC RADIO CLEVELAND HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £3,314: 7f) (13)

1 -156 ZISKA 78 (F) H Cecil 9-7 W Ryan 6
2 431 WASAIF 15 (D,F) L Cumani 9-4 J Fortune 9
3 2-00 ACCESS HOLIDAYS 6 (C,G) R Boss 9-4 M Tebbutt 5
4 4010 SLY PROSPECT 8 (B,D,F) J Etherington 8-12 K Darley 12
5 500- CHEVELEY CHIEF 383 (C,F) T Fairhurst 8-11 J Fanning (5) 7
6 2366 STATE FLYER 22 (V,S) G Oldroyd 8-9 — 3
7 0466 AFFORDABLE 9 (D,BF,G) W Carter 8-8 Paul Eddery 8
8 5300 CHARLAFRIVOLA 9 (D,F) F Lee 8-5 D Biggs (5) 2
9 2162 MAJOR MOUSE 14 (D,F) W Haigh 8-5 A Culhane 13
10 0030 KANDARA 14 (F,G) P Haslam 8-4 J Quinn 4
11 3205 PARLIAMENTARY 6 M Brittain 7-13 S Maloney (5) 1
12 0044 MU-ARRIK 10 (B) D Wilson 7-11 G Bardwell 11
13 0500 MOSTIMUS 91 (F) G Oldroyd 7-7 — 10

3-1 Wasaif, 4-1 Ziska, 6-1 Major Mouse, 8-1 Kandara, State Flyer, 10-1 Parliamentary, 14-1 Sly Prospect, 20-1 others.

3.25 NEWBY NURSERY HANDICAP
(2-Y-O: £3,288: 5f) (15)

1 0210 MUSICAL CASCADE 13 (B,D,F) T Barron 9-7 Alex Greaves 7
2 3113 FAROOTS 17 (V,D,F) C Tinkler 9-3 M Birch 3
3 6626 MOTOVSKI 9 (D,F) R Johnson Houghton 9-1 K Darley 14
4 5223 PETITE-D-ARGENT 25 (BF) Miss L Perratt 9-0 J Fortune 9
5 2116 CASHTAL QUEEN 48 (BF,F) J Berry 8-13 J Carroll 5
6 2045 MISTER BANDIT 6 (B,D,G) N Callaghan 8-9 J Tate (7) 11
7 0661 SEA CRUSADER 15 (B,D,F) M Blanshard 8-8 J Quinn 13
8 2040 WALKING POSSESSION 11 (B) R Boss 8-7 M Tebbutt 12
9 4605 BRAMBLES WAY 18 Mrs G Reveley 8-4 Paul Burke 4
10 2145 PREMIER ENVELOPE 28 (D,F) N Tinkler 8-3 Kim Tinkler 6
11 3066 JACK HILL 15 W Carter 8-2 Paul Eddery 15
12 4442 CRECHE 8 (B) Mrs N Macauley 8-2 B Crossley 10
13 4500 DUBLIN RAINBOW 18 M Brittain 8-0 D Wright (7) 1
14 0401 CELESTINE 11 (B,D,F) T Fairhurst 7-11 (7ex) J Fanning (3) 2
15 3665 FALLOWFIELD GIRL 32 M H Easterby 7-8 S Maloney (5) 8

9-2 Motovski, 11-2 Faroots, Mister Bandit, 6-1 Cashtal Queen, 8-1 Sea Crusader, 10-1 Celestine, 14-1 Creche, 16-1 others.

4.00 HARRY GEARY HANDICAP
(£3,542: 1m 1f) (16)

1 3400 MARTINI EXECUTIVE 126 (F) W Pearce 3-9-12 D Nicholls 4
2 5221 KILLINGHALL 11 (G) J Watts 3-9-7 (5ex) N Connorton 14
3 0420 NASAB 22 (G) D Morley 3-9-6 Paul Eddery 15
4 0-00 BARKSTON SINGER 15 Mrs N Macauley 4-9-5 J Fortune 11
5 0010 YOUNG JASON 28 (F,G) F Lee 8-9-3 A Culhane 2
6 2210 LOOKINGFORARAINBOW 15 (D,F) Bob Jones 3-9-2 V Smith 9
7 3000 SALMAN 17 (C,F,S) S Norton 5-9-0 O Pears (7) 13
8 8300 BRILLIANT 13 J Pearce 3-8-9 K Darley 6
9 1062 TOUCH ABOVE 8 (F) T Barron 5-8-8 Alex Greaves 12
10 3400 GREY RECORD 6 M Brittain 3-8-6 S Webster 3
11 5000 DJEBEL PRINCE 17 J Hills 4-8-1 W Ryan 1
12 3435 BE VISIBLE 48 M Johnston 3-7-13 J Fanning (3) 8
13 2440 SHARQUIN 21 (F,G) M Brittain 4-7-11 S Maloney (5) 5
14 1022 TOP SCALE 9 (V,CD,F) J Hetherton 5-7-11 L Charnock 10
15 5650 PAVERS GOOD SHOES 125 M Brittain 3-7-7 D Wright (7) 16
16 0300 GOVERNORSHIP 6 (B,F,G) D Chapman 7-7-7 S Wood 7

5-1 Lookingforarainbow, 11-2 Touch Above, 6-1 Killinghall, 8-1 Young Jason, Salman, 10-1 Top Scale, 12-1 Nasab, 14-1 others.

4.30 MISSISSIPPI AMATEUR RIDERS HANDICAP (£3,272: 1m) (16)

1 4151 PREMIER PRINCE 13 (F,G,S) L Cottrell 5-11-7 D Salter (5) 4
2 2351 SIXOFUS 17 (C,D,F) R Boss 3-11-1 Lydia Pearce 2
3 0400 CARLINGFORD 16 (F) H Whiting 5-11-1 R Green (5) 8
4 00-0 SNUGGLE 13 (F) M Tompkins 4-11-0 Sally Smithson (5) 1
5 6000 IMAGINING 11 (D,F) J Hills 4-10-13 Suzie Francome (5) 9
6 1000 ALNASRIC PETE 20 (D,F,G) D Wilson 5-10-13 Elaine Bronson 6
7 4054 ROYAL ACCLAIM 10 (V,D,F,S) A Hide 6-10-12 P Hide (5) 5
8 0005 NEW BEGINNING 39 (F,G) J Haldane 8-10-9 A Robson (5) 15
9 200- GREY RUM 183J (C,D,F,G) R Lee 6-10-5 Carol Lee (5) 10
10 2116 CHINA SKY 28 (D,F) C Allen 3-10-4 Robina Lowes (5) 12
11 4500 ZINGER 49 (B) W Pearce 3-10-2 D Durrant (5) 3
12 5640 BILL MOON 7 (C,D,F) P Feilden 5-9-12 Julia Feilden 14
13 4405 SHAWINIGA 27 (D,F,G,S) Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-9-11 Lois Leggat (5) 11
14 -000- HIDDEN QUIVER 213J Mrs G Reveley 5-9-7 M Buckley 7
15 0000 ELADHAM 8 (B,F) M Hammond 5-9-0 S Lyons (5) 13
16 000 ROGERS NIECE 27 J Parkes 3-9-0 — 16

11-2 Bill Moon, 6-1 Premier Prince, China Sky, 8-1 Alnasric Pete, 10-1 Sixofus, Zinger, 12-1 Shawiniga, 14-1 others.

5.00 CARLTON AUCTION STAKES
(3-Y-O: £2,658: 1m 1f) (2)

1 1436 RADIO CAROLINE 32 (V,G) A Harrison 9-4 C Munday (7) 2
2 0020 CHLOES DIAMOND 6 C Booth 8-6 A Culhane 1

1-2 Chloes Diamond, 6-4 Radio Caroline.

5.30 EBF GUNNERGATE MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O: £2,826: 7f) (16)

1 ALKARIF A Scott 9-0 J Fortune 10
2 0 HALL PORTER 20 R Whitaker 9-0 M Harrington (7) 8
3 4 HAYMARKET 78 M Stoute 9-0 M Birch 3
4 00 HEART FLUTTER 81 J Hetherton 9-0 S Webster 1
5 52 ISAIAH 7 M Johnston 9-0 J Carroll 4
6 LEANARDO BLU W Pearce 9-0 D Nicholls 13
7 00 LEOLENE POKEY 9 W Haigh 9-0 — 5
8 0 LIABILITY ORDER 11 R Boss 9-0 M Tebbutt 7
9 LITTLE NOD M Camacho 9-0 N Connorton 16
10 MORSKI M Camacho 9-0 S Morris 6
11 PROFIT STREAM M W Easterby 9-0 K Darley 14
12 REDISHAM J Gosden 9-0 W Ryan 11
13 5 SALDA 9 R Whitaker 9-0 A Culhane 12
14 34 SHOWGI 14 J Fanshawe 9-0 Paul Eddery 2
15 SPLIT SECOND J Watts 9-0 L Charnock 9
16 0 UNFORGIVING MINUTE 21 P Harris 9-0 J Fanning (3) 15

3-1 Haymarket, 9-2 Showgi, Alkarif, 6-1 Salda, 8-1 Redisham, 10-1 Isaiah, 14-1 Unforgiving Minute, Liability Order, 16-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: L Cumani, 25 winners from 58 runners, 43.1%; H Cecil, 22 from 53, 41.5%; W Carter, 8 from 26, 30.8%; A Hide, 5 from 17, 29.4%; M Stoute, 12 from 43, 27.9%; D Wilson, 5 from 21, 23.8%.

JOCKEYS: Elaine Bronson, 4 winners from 9 rides, 44.4%; W Ryan, 30 from 110, 27.3%; M Birch, 29 from 217, 13.4%; J Fortune, 7 from 54, 13.0%; R Lappin, 4 from 31, 12.9%; Paul Eddery, 6 from 55, 10.9%.

HEREFORD

MANDARIN

2.15 Trireme. 2.45 Staunch Rival. 3.15 Jenpat. 3.45 Avonmouthsecretary. 4.15 Momser. 4.45 It's All Very Fine. 5.15 Ruby Rheims.

THUNDERER

2.15 Trireme. 2.45 Staunch Rival. 3.15 Jenpat. 3.45 Pharoah Blue. 4.15 Momser. 4.45 Court Rapier. 5.15 Ruby Rheims.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (WATERED)

2.15 VOWCHURCH NOVICES HURDLE
(£1,305: 2m 3f) (9 runners)

1 1 TRIREME 58 (F) J White 4-11-5 R Guest
2 5P-4 BALLAD RULER 14 P Pritchard 5-11-0 S J O'Neill
3 20-2 DOONLOUGHAN 14 G Balding 6-11-0 J Frost
4 0PF- KIND OF MAGIC 234F A Jones 6-11-0 H Davies
5 334- SEVENTH LOCK 205 O Sherwood 5-11-0 J Osborne
6 00-4 WAYWARD SAILOR 32 Mrs A King 5-11-0 S Earle
7 BAROASH 351F N Ayliffe 4-10-12 D Bridgwater (3)
8 20P- A DAY LATE 212 N Henderson 6-10-9 R Dunwoody
9 P-56 MISS SIMONE 27 (B) N Twiston-Davies 5-10-9 C Llewellyn

15-8 Doonloughan, 3-1 Trireme, 5-1 Seventh Lock, 6-1 A Day Late, 10-1 Wayward Sailor, 12-1 Ballad Ruler, 14-1 others.

2.45 MICHAELCHURCH NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,305: 2m) (7)

1 -226 WILL'S BOUNTY 13 (F) J Colston 8-11-10 V Slattery (5)
2 P53- SUKAAB 144 B Ryall 6-11-8 S McNeill
3 0-32 STAUNCH RIVAL 18 G Thorner 4-11-8 J Railton
4 -216 GINA'S CHOICE 4F (CD,F) P Pritchard 5-11-3 S J O'Neill
5 54P- LADY LAX 7F J White 7-11-1 D Skyrme
6 300- CASTLEBROWNE 303 Mrs A King 7-11-1 R Dunwoody
7 0P-5 GREENHILLS WARRIOR 34 M Ryan 5-11-1 J Ryan (5)

11-4 Staunch Rival, 7-2 Gina's Choice, 4-1 Will's Bounty, 6-1 Greenhills Warrior, 8-1 Sukaab, 10-1 Lady Lax, 12-1 Castlebrowne.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: N Tinkler, 3 winners from 9 runners, 33.3%; M Pipe, 33 from 100, 33.0%; N Henderson, 5 from 18, 27.8%; G Balding, 6 from 22, 27.3%; O Sherwood, 4 from 15, 26.7%; D Barons, 9 from 40, 22.5%.

JOCKEYS: J Osborne, 7 winners from 13 rides, 53.8%; P Scudamore, 21 from 61, 34.4%; R Dunwoody, 21 from 87, 24.1%; J Frost, 5 from 26, 19.2%; E Tierney, 3 from 17, 17.6%; H Davies, 8 from 48, 16.7%.

☐ Peter Scudamore recorded his 1,400th winner in Britain when riding Bannister to victory in the Broadway Novices' Hurdle at Taunton yesterday. It was also his 26th win of this season.

3.15 ORCOP SELLING HURDLE
(£1,510: 2m) (7)

1 -133 AT PEACE 32 (D,F) J White 5-12-0 A Maguire (5)
2 R-40 WOODLANDS GREY 4F P Pritchard 5-11-10 A Webb
3 56- ILEWIN 45F J Jenkins 4-11-9 R Dunwoody
4 4-54 RAMSEY STREET 6 (BF) K Bridgwater 4-11-4 D Bridgwater (3)
5 - SIBYL O'DONNELL 53F K Bridgwater 4-11-4 W Humphreys
6 1 JENPAT 7 (D,F) N Tinkler 3-10-6 G McCourt
7 0 CARLYS GIRL 46 M Pipe 3-10-2 P Scudamore

11-8 Jenpat, 3-1 Carlys Girl, 5-1 Ilewin, 8-1 At Peace, 10-1 Ramsey Street, 12-1 Woodlands Grey, 20-1 Sibyl O'Donnell.

3.45 CRASWELL NOVICES CHASE
(£2,363: 3m 1f) (5)

1 2432 CASINO MAGIC 2 J Spearing 7-11-4 A Webb
2 133- PHARAOH BLUE 342 (F) M Pipe 7-11-4 P Scudamore
3 P-43 SHIPPED ON BOARD 11 J Jenkins 6-11-4 R Dunwoody
4 -P12 AVONMOUTHSECRETARY 13 (CD,BF,F) R Holder 5-11-1 N Mann
5 5-4 GOODBYE ROSCOE 23 C Nash 6-10-13 Mrs P Nash (7)

Evens Pharoah Blue, 3-1 Avonmouthsecretary, 6-1 Casino Magic, 8-1 Shipped On Board, 10-1 Goodbye Roscoe.

4.15 TYBERTON CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,865: 2m 3f) (4)

1 41-1 MOMSER 8 (F,G,S) M Ryan 5-12-1 (5ex) J Ryan
2 5-25 OLNICETTO 14 (B,D,BF,F) M Pipe 4-10-12 M Forster
3 030- MISTRESS ROSS 144 G Thorner 6-10-3 D Bridgwater
4 -422 MARIE BABY 32 (S) Graeme Roe 7-10-0 W Marston (3)

10-11 Olnicetto, 3-1 Momser, 4-1 Marie Baby, 11-2 Mistress Ross.

4.45 COTSWOLD HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,672: 2m 3f) (4)

1 2-16 ITS ALL VERY FINE 13 (BF,F,G,S) T Forster 10-11-10 C Llewellyn
2 0-13 COURT RAPIER 20 (CD,F,G) Mrs H Parrott 9-11-5 D Leahy (7)
3 P4- CAROL'S MUSIC 123 A James 10-10-3 E Tierney (7)
4 5-23 LITTLE BEAVER 27 (CD,F) Mrs A Barclay 10-10-3 J Short

6-4 Court Rapier, 5-2 Its All Very Fine, 3-1 Little Beaver, 9-2 Carol's Music.

5.15 GRUNWICK STAKES NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,537: 2m) (10)

1 FAIR PLUME D Barons 5-11-3 Mr R Darke (7)
2 0- KINGS HATCH 265 A Jones 5-11-3 C Dempsey (7)
3 BRIGHT BOUNCE R Hollinshead 4-11-2 S Wynne (7)
4 CORNISH COSSACK D Barons 4-11-2 R Greene (5)
5 WHERES YU TOO P Rodford 4-11-2 J McCabe (7)
6 BETTY BARLOW N Ayliffe 5-10-12 D Bridgwater (3)
7 32- RUBY RHEIMS 185 Mrs F Walwyn 6-10-12 P Verling (3)
8 GYM MISTRESS J White 4-10-11 J Ryan (3)
9 00- NEW PROBLEM 196 R Manning 4-10-11 C Maude
10 RAGLAN LADY A James 4-10-11 E Tierney (7)

2-1 Ruby Rheims, 3-1 Cornish Cossack, 4-1 Gym Mistress, 6-1 Fair Plume, 8-1 Bright Bounce, 10-1 Betty Barlow, 12-1 others.

ASCOT

MANDARIN

1.30 Shaleel.
2.00 Virkon Venture.
2.30 Sarcita.
3.05 Badie.
3.40 Dom Wac.
4.15 Wily Trick.
4.50 **RED SLIPPERS** (nap).

THUNDERER

1.30 Mutamarrid.
2.00 Hajaim.
2.30 Gemini Fire.
3.05 Badie.
3.40 **VALLAURIS** (nap).
4.15 Morgannwg.
4.50 Raven Runner.

RICHARD EVANS

2.00 Wild And Loose.
2.30 Cantoris.
4.15 **ABLE SUSAN** (nap).

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.00 **VIRKON VENTURE** (nap). 3.05 Amthaal. *4.50 Red Slippers.*

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.40 **SPRINGS WELCOME.**

GOING: GOOD — DRAW: 5F-1M, STRAIGHT, LOW NUMBERS BEST — SIS

GUIDE TO OUR IN-LINE RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. *Trainer.* Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

1.30 SHADWELL ESTATES HANDICAP (Private Sweepstakes: 1m 2f) (8 runners)

1 (1) 336114 MUTAMARRID 10 (D,F) (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 3-12-0 Bill Smith 98
2 (4) 235245 SHALEEL 18 (V) (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 3-11-7 John Francome ● 99
3 (6) 025444 JADA 16 (F) (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) K Prendergast (Ire) 3-11-5 Tommy Stack 97
4 (3) 263300 MAGIC SECRET 16 (B,S) (S Suhail) B Hanbury 3-11-3 Bobbie Gray 98
5 (5) /46/00-3 JURRAN 95 (F,S) (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 6-11-2 Brough Scott 80
6 (2) 100333 MUTARLIJAM 8 (G) (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) K Prendergast (Ire) 3-11-2 Lord Oaksey 95
7 0 6266 JAEGER 17 (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 4-11-1 RESERVE 98
8 0 463436 KAIPHAS 13 (BF) (Sheikh Mohammed) I Balding 4-10-7 RESERVE 95

BETTING: 15-8 Shaleel, 5-2 Mutamarrid, 4-1 Jada, 5-1 Mutarljam, 6-1 Magic Secret, 14-1 Jurran.

1990: RODEO STAR 4-10-7 J J O'Neill (9-4 fav) J Gosden 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

MUTAMARRID 7¾l 4th to Chatham Island at Sandown (1m 2f, good to firm); previously beat Mahfil a nk over same course and distance (good to firm). SHALEEL 8½l 3rd to Stone Mill at Chepstow (1m 2f, good to firm). JADA 3¾l 4th to Salmon Eile at Fairyhouse (1m 1f, good to firm). JURRAN 16l 3rd to Saint Ciel at Windsor (1m 2f, good to soft). MUTARLIJAM 4l 3rd to Nordic Tones at Clonmel (1m 2f, good to firm). JAEGER 10l 6th to Man Of Gold at Leicester (1m 2f, good to firm). KAIPHAS 5l 8th to Premier Prince at Goodwood (7f, good to firm).
Selection: MUTAMARRID

2.00 A F BUDGE LIMITED HANDICAP
BBC1

(3-Y-O: £9,630: 1m 2f) (14 runners)

101 (5) 114001 SELF EXPRESSION 13 (C,D,F,G) (G Smart) I Balding 9-7 J Reid 93
102 (3) 1-4802 CAMPESTRAL 13 (G) (M Tabor) M Stoute 9-6 W R Swinburn 93
103 (6) 126 THE GLASHA 42 (S) (A Scrimgeour) R Charlton 9-5 M Hills 86
104 (14) 10-6003 KNIFEBOX 13 (D,S) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 9-2 S Cauthen 91
105 (12) 14-0415 CADENCY 14 (F,G) (A Oldrey) P Walwyn 8-13 L Dettori 88
106 (13) 615511 HAJAIM 22 (D,F,G,S) (S Manana) C Brittain 8-13 B Raymond 92
107 (8) 5-11435 HIDDEN COVE 20 (CD,F) (G Strawbridge) I Balding 8-11 R Cochrane 90
108 (10) 5-16 THE FELTMAKER 14 (D,F) (P Winfield) J Dunlop 8-11 T Quinn 92
109 (2) 414303 WILD AND LOOSE 13 (G) (R Richards) D Elsworth 8-7 D Holland 90
110 (9) 380231 PORT SUNLIGHT 7 (F,S) (Mrs C Powell) R Hannon 8-7 (5ex) R Perham (5) 96
111 (7) 561625 BUSHY TAILED 9 (D,F) (Sir P Oppenheimer) G Wragg 8-0 W Carson 89
112 (11) 5520-41 AMBASSADOR ROYALE 11 (D,F) (F Salman) P Cole 7-13 (5ex) A Tucker (5) ● 98
113 (1) 251330 SURREY DANCER 7 (D,G) (Cronk Racing Ltd) B Hanbury 7-9 N Carlisle 86
114 (4) 0501 VIRKON VENTURE 6 (S) (Mrs J Auchincloss) M Tompkins 7-7 (5ex) A Mackay 92

Long handicap: Virkon Venture 7-4.

BETTING: 5-1 Hajaim, 11-2 Self Expression, 6-1 Ambassador Royale, 13-2 The Feltmaker, 7-1 Port Sunlight, 8-1 Campestral, 9-1 Knifebox, 10-1 The Glasha, Wild And Loose, 12-1 Virkon Venture, 14-1 others.

1990: AGE OF MIRACLES 8-5 M Roberts (10-1) C Cyzer 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

SELF EXPRESSION beat CAMPESTRAL (1lb better off) a neck at Doncaster (1m 2f 50yd, good to firm) with KNIFEBOX (6lb better off) 4l 3rd. THE GLASHA 2l 2nd to General Sikorski at Windsor (1m 2f, good to firm) penultimate start.
CADENCY 10½l 5th to Surrealist in listed race at Doncaster (1m 4f, good to firm) with THE FELTMAKER (2lb better off) 2¼l 6th; previously beat Amphigory ¾l at Windsor (1m 3f 135yd, good to firm). HAJAIM beat Al Thereab 3½l at York (1m 4f, good to firm). HIDDEN COVE 4l 5th to General Sikorski at Haydock (1m 2f 120yd, good to firm). THE FELTMAKER beat Arabian Bold 5l at Sandown (1m 2f, good to firm) penultimate start. WILD AND LOOSE 1¾l 3rd to Devil's Soul at Goodwood (1m, good to firm). PORT SUNLIGHT beat Sir Derek 4l at Newbury (1m 1f, good to firm). AMBASSADOR ROYALE beat Amphigory 3l in maiden at Bath (1m 2f, firm). VIRKON VENTURE beat Good Profile 4l at Ayr (1m 1f, soft).
Selection: AMBASSADOR ROYALE

2.30 JAPAN FESTIVAL CHARITY CUP
BBC2

(Handicap: £16,570: 5f) (17 runners)

201 (13) 011211 SARCITA 7 (D,F,G,S) (R Tooth) D Elsworth 3-10-0 (7ex) S Cauthen 98
202 (15) 260450 BOLD LEZ 7 (D,F,G) (Mrs M Ansell) M Haynes 4-9-13 B Raymond 88
203 (4) 2-12023 PRENONAMOSS 41 (B,D,F) (Mrs W Oram) D Arbuthnot 3-9-6 W R Swinburn 89
204 (14) 502040 AMBER MILL 13 (D,F,G) (T Holdcroft) J Berry 3-9-6 R Perham (5) 89
205 (6) 010132 CANTORIS 32 (CD,BF,F,G) (G Green) R Williams 5-9-6 D Holland 88
206 (16) 160030 AUGHFAD 13 (V,D,F,G,S) (M Mac Carthy) T Casey 5-9-0 J Reid 92
207 (1) 321010 GEMINI FIRE 77 (D,F,G,S) (P McMahon) M Naughton 7-8-12 L Dettori 91
208 (8) 014263 DOMINUET 7 (D,G,S) (Mrs R Heathcote) J Spearing 6-8-11 R Fox 93
209 (3) 4-51004 GILT THRONE 7 (D,F) (B Schmidt-Bodner) M Tompkins 4-8-10 R Cochrane 94
210 (11) 645011 VERY DICEY 22 (D,F) (Mrs G Smith) R Smyth 3-8-8 T Quinn 94
211 (9) 131050 PLAIN FACT 16 (D,F,G,S) (G Moore) M Prescott 6-8-7 G Duffield 89
212 (7) 54-5015 ASHTINA 63 (CD,F,G,S) (Miss S Joyner) J Sutcliffe 6-8-4 M Hills ● 99
213 (12) 300000 RACKETEER 13 (D,F) (Mrs N Dutfield) B Millman 3-8-4 R Price (5) 98
214 (17) 500003 SLOE BERRY 9 (B,CD,F,G) (A Richards) C Austin 5-8-3 B Doyle (5) 80
215 (10) 300106 STEP HIGH 7 (B,F) (M Obaida) C Brittain 3-8-2 W Carson 89
216 (2) 220311 BAYONNE 13 (B,D,F) R Johnson Houghton 3-7-12 T Sprake 93
217 (5) 040084 JOE SUGDEN 6 (D,F,G,S) (J Amass) P Howling 7-7-9 N Carlisle 93

BETTING: 11-4 Sarcita, 6-1 Very Dicey, 7-1 Cantoris, 8-1 Bayonne, 10-1 Joe Sugden, 12-1 Dominuet, 14-1 Sloe Berry, Gemini Fire, Prenonamoss, Bold Lez, 16-1 Gilt Throne, 20-1 others.

1990: CANTORIS 4-7-8 S O'Gorman (10-1) R Williams 18 ran

FORM FOCUS

SARCITA beat Tbab 3½l in Ayr Gold Cup (6f, good) with DOMINUET (7lb better off) sh hd 3rd, GILT THRONE (9lb better off) nk 4th and BOLD LEZ (10lb better off) 8l 23rd. PRENONAMOSS 2½l 3rd to Premier Touch at Ripon (6f, good to firm).
CANTORIS 1l 2nd to Farfelu at Sandown (5f, good) with AMBER MILL (1lb better off) two nk 4th and JOE SUGDEN (3lb better off) 1½l 7th. AUGHFAD nk and sh hd 3rd to Masnun at Goodwood (6f, good) penultimate start. GEMINI FIRE beat Lake Mistassiu ½l at Haydock (5f, good) with DOMINUET (same terms) 3½l 4th. VERY DICEY beat Respectable Jones 2l at Salisbury (5f, good to firm). ASHTINA beat Tango Time a nk at Kempton (6f, heavy) penultimate start. BAYONNE beat Our Freddie a nk at Chepstow (5f, good to firm) with JOE SUGDEN (2lb better off) ½l 3rd and RACKETEER (7lb better off) 8½l 14th.
Selection: SARCITA (nap)

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
H Cecil	40	117	34.2	S Cauthen	53	224	23.7
J Gosden	8	30	26.7	L Dettori	15	99	15.2
L Cumani	25	104	24.0	W Carson	34	235	14.5
R Akehurst	9	46	19.6	W R Swinburn	18	153	11.8
M Stoute	28	153	18.3	R Cochrane	19	173	11.0
G Harwood	25	138	18.1	T Quinn	7	81	8.6

(Not including yesterday's results)

3.05 PCL JAPAN SOCIETY GRADUATION STAKES
BBC2

(2-Y-O colts & geldings: £11,355: 7f) (10 runners)

301 (6) 132 ASSESSOR 27 (D,S) (B Nielsen) R Hannon 9-3 J Reid 93
302 (5) 1 BADIE 21 (D,F) (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) J Dunlop 9-3 W Carson 90
303 (8) 143 BOBZAO 27 (S) (T Mills Ltd) W Carter 9-3 R Cochrane 92
304 (2) 321 HERO'S LIGHT 18 (D,F) (F Salman) P Cole 9-3 T Quinn 83
305 (1) 001 L'HERMINE 8 (B,D,F) (M Kura) B Hanbury 9-3 L Piggott 93
306 (9) 1044 ROYAL SEATON 22 (BF,G) (Axminster Carpets Ltd) B Millman 9-3 N Carlisle 97
307 (7) 2102 YOUNG SENOR 78 (F) (Exors of E Moller) G Wragg 9-3 W R Swinburn ● 99
308 (10) AMTHAAL (Maktoum Al Maktoum) M Stoute 8-11 B Raymond —
309 (3) MASAD (Mrs G Zanocchio) L Cumani 8-11 L Dettori —
310 (4) 4 WELLINGTON ROCK 21 (Duke of Devonshire) J Toller 8-11 S Cauthen 82

BETTING: 13-8 Badie, 9-4 Young Senor, 10-1 L'Hermine, Assessor, 14-1 Hero's Light, Amthaal, 16-1 Royal Seaton, Masad, 20-1 others.

1990: BIG BLOW 9-3 R Cochrane (7-2) M Ryan 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

ASSESSOR 3l 2nd to Twist And Turn at Sandown (1m, good to firm) latest with BOBZAO (same terms) ¾l 3rd; earlier beat Flight Lieutenant at Kempton (7f, good to soft).
BADIE beat Lucky Lindy ½l at Kempton (7f, good to firm). BOBZAO beat Holetown 2½l at Folkestone (6f, soft) on debut. HERO'S LIGHT beat Jalcanto ½l at Wolverhampton (7f, good to firm). L'HERMINE beat Castillet 5l at Lingfield (7f, good to firm). ROYAL SEATON 6½l 4th to Molten Copper at York (1m, good to firm). YOUNG SENOR beat Elton Ledger 2l at York (6f, good to firm) in May; latest ¾l 2nd to Dr Devious in a listed race at Newmarket (7f, good).
Selection: L'HERMINE

3.40 EWAR STUD FARMS APPRENTICES HANDICAP
BBC2

(£4,542: 1m 4f) (10 runners)

401 (1) 311400 CASTLE COURAGEOUS 21 (F,G) Lady Herries 4-9-10 Caroline Griffiths (3) 87
402 (9) 533134 VALLAURIS 13 (G) (Mrs D Joly) D Elsworth 3-9-6 A Procter 84
403 (8) 042025 EXCLUSIVE VIRTUE 14 (F) (Cheveley Park Stud) M Stoute 3-9-6 V Bray (3) 84
404 (10) 016400 EXPRESS ACCOUNT 20 (D,F,G) (D Wilson) R Williams 4-9-10 G Mitchell (3) 90
405 (3) 213400 DOM WAC 22 (F) (Mrs P Karpidas) M Bell 3-8-9 P Turner 82
406 (7) 2108-65 TOMAHAWK 23 (D,G) (C Saunders & Partners) R Holder 4-8-8 S Drowne (3) 88
407 (5) 415364 ELAINE TULLY 20 (G) (Mrs A Cappuccini) I Balding 3-8-8 G Fallon (7) 84
408 (4) 361403 CANNY CHRONICLE 7 (D,F,G) (Newcastle Chronicle) M Tompkins 3-8-6 S Mulvey (7) 87
409 (2) 216516 TAJ VICTORY 8 (D,G) (Sir G Brunton) Lord Huntingdon 4-8-4 D Harrison 83
410 (6) 630145 SPRINGS WELCOME 3 (D,F,G) (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 5-8-3 T McLaughlin ● 99

BETTING: 7-2 Tomahawk, 4-1 Taj Victory, 9-2 Springs Welcome, 11-2 Canny Chronicle, 13-2 Dom Wac, 7-1 Exclusive Virtue, 10-1 Vallauris, 12-1 others.

1990: MY CHIARA 4-8-6 M Marshall (25-1) M Usher 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

CASTLE COURAGEOUS beat Janiski 1½l at Warwick (1m 6f 180yd, good) in June; latest 17l 9th of 12 to Castoret at Kempton (1m 6f, good to firm). VALLAURIS beat Border Mate a nk at Newbury (1m 2f, good) with ELAINE TULLY (17lb better off) 2¾l 6th.
EXCLUSIVE VIRTUE 7l 2nd to Lovealoch at Sandown (1m 1f, good to firm) on penultimate start. DOM WAC beat Castle Clown ½l at Sandown (1m 3f 91yd, good to firm) on penultimate start with EXPRESS ACCOUNT 11th of 12. CANNY CHRONICLE 2½l 3rd to Frescobaldo at Ayr (1m 3f, good). TAJ VICTORY beat Red Rainbow a nk at Kempton (1m 4f, good) on penultimate start with ELAINE TULLY (8lb better off) 2½l 4th. SPRINGS WELCOME beat Dr Maccarter 6l at Lingfield (AW, 1m 2f) last month.
Selection: CASTLE COURAGEOUS

4.15 ROSEMARY HANDICAP (3-Y-O fillies: £11,355: 1m) (11 runners)

501 (4) 521222 OH MERCY 28 (D,G) (S Niarchos) H Cecil 9-7 S Cauthen 91
502 (2) 0-51510 ABDICATE 44 (D,F,G) (Kennet Valley Ltd) L Cumani 9-6 L Dettori 94
503 (10) 551221 ABLE SUSAN 20 (D,F,G,S) (Exors of E Moller) G Wragg 9-4 R Hills 98
504 (11) 110524 CAROLES EXPRESS 17 (BF,G,S) (Mrs S Crane) R Akehurst 9-3 A Tucker (5) ● 99
505 (3) 331016 MORGANNWG 20 (BF,F,G) (K Mercer) R Dickin 9-1 T Quinn 98
506 (7) 04-120 MADONETTA 57 (G) (Lord Derby) R Charlton 8-13 W R Swinburn 94
507 (6) 2-60140 CRYSTAL RING 20 (D,BF,F) (P Mellon) I Balding 8-13 J Reid 94
508 (8) 2252 WILY TRICK 8 (BF) (The Queen) Lord Huntingdon 8-10 D Holland 90
509 (9) 222500 CORN FUTURES 41 (S) (J Rowles) R Johnson Houghton 8-10 R Cochrane 98
510 (5) 111440 SURE VICTORY 20 (D,F,G) (Salisbury Farms Ltd) P Walwyn 8-3 W Carson 96
511 (1) 05-0401 CAROUSELLA 10 (D,F) (Dowager Lady Beaverbrook) C Brittain 7-7 (4ex) B Doyle (5) 94

Long handicap: Carousella 7-4

BETTING: 7-2 Able Susan, 4-1 Caroles Express, 5-1 Wily Trick, 7-1 Carousella, 8-1 Oh Mercy, Sure Victory, 10-1 Morgannwg, Abdicate, 14-1 others.

1990: FIRE THE GROOM 9-6 L Dettori (11-1) L Cumani 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

OH MERCY nk 2nd to Stone Mill at Thirsk (1m, firm). ABDICATE beat Redden Burn a hd at Newmarket (1m, good) on penultimate start. ABLE SUSAN beat Escaping ½l at Kempton (1m, good) with CAROUSELLA (1lb better off) 5½l 6th, SURE VICTORY (6lb better off) 2¾l 9th and CRYSTAL RING (5lb better off) 7½l 13th. CAROLES EXPRESS nk 2nd to Repique at Sandown (7f, good to firm) on penultimate start with SURE VICTORY (4lb better off) 3½l 4th. MORGANNWG beat Talent 4l at Newbury (7f, good to firm) on penultimate start with CORN FUTURES (11lb better off) 4¾l 12th. MADONETTA beat CORN FUTURES (10lb better off) 2½l at Kempton (6f, good) in May with SURE VICTORY (10lb better off) 11l 5th. WILY TRICK 1l 2nd to Pride Of Storm at Lingfield (7f 140yd, good to firm). CAROUSELLA beat Hazar 1½l at Sandown (1m, good to firm).
Selection: CAROLES EXPRESS

4.50 KENSINGTON PALACE GRADUATION STAKES
(2-Y-O fillies: £10,965: 7f) (8 runners)

601 (8) 1 ALTO JANE 22 (D,F) (P Locke) G Harwood 9-0 R Cochrane 83
602 (7) 14 PARADISE WAY 35 (C,F) (F Salman) P Cole 9-0 T Quinn 98
603 (6) DELVE (Sir R McAlpine) J Dunlop 8-8 W Carson —
604 (2) 4 ELLAFITZETTY 42 (A Hamilton) R Johnson Houghton 8-8 B Raymond 96
605 (4) FUNOON (Maktoum Al Maktoum) M Stoute 8-8 W R Swinburn —
606 (3) GLACIAL MOON (R Sangster) B Hills 8-8 D Holland —
607 (5) 2 RAVEN RUNNER 21 (Mrs R Kirk) I Balding 8-8 J Reid 96
608 (1) 2 RED SLIPPERS 83 (BF) (R Sangster) L Cumani 8-8 L Dettori ● 99

BETTING: 9-4 Red Slippers, 11-4 Funoon, 11-2 Raven Runner, 13-2 Glacial Moon, 7-1 Alto Jane, 8-1 Paradise Way, 12-1 Ellafitzetty, 16-1 Delve.

1990: SHADAYID 9-0 W Carson (8-13 fav) J Dunlop 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

ALTO JANE beat Top Song a sh hd at Salisbury (7f, good to firm) on debut. PARADISE WAY beat Valmont ½l here (6f, good to firm) on debut; latest 5¾l 4th of 5 to Musicale at Goodwood (7f, good).
ELLAFITZETTY 6½l 4th of 21 to High Sevens at Newbury (6f, good to firm) on debut. RAVEN RUNNER 5l 2nd of 16 to Perfect Circle at Kempton (7f, good to firm). RED SLIPPERS 2l 2nd of 9 to Chicmond at Nottingham (6f, good to firm).
Selection: PARADISE WAY

HAYDOCK PARK

MANDARIN

2.15 Spitfire Girl.
2.45 Yes.
3.20 Eire Leath-Sceal.
3.55 Fieldridge.
4.25 Mystic Park.
5.00 Seamere.
5.25 Kansk.

THUNDERER

2.15 Kilmarnock.
2.45 Sally Fay.
3.20 Eire Leath-Sceal.
3.55 Captain Horatius.
4.25 Mystic Park.
5.00 Zanoni.
5.25 Moonlight Quest.

GOING: GOOD — DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST — SIS

2.15 STANLEY SPORTSLINE MAIDEN STAKES (Div I: 3-Y-O: £2,735: 1m 2f 120yd) (11 runners)

1 (1) 4 COME ON DANCER 97 (W Said) D Elsworth 9-0 J Williams —
2 (9) 00- IN PLACE 339 (Mrs P Harris) P Harris 9-0 Dean McKeown 57
3 (10) 32 KILMARNOCK 42 (K Abdulla) G Harwood 9-0 Pat Eddery ● 99
4 (6) 3-3 LEGION OF HONOUR 13 (F Salman) W Jarvis 9-0 N Day 89
5 (11) 3- RED BISHOP 373 (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 9-0 A Cruz 78
6 (4) 522 RUN AND DELIVER 97 (B,BF) (Cheveley Park Stud) R Williams 9-0 G Carter 89
7 (3) 6-3 SEA CADET 143 (R Hollingsworth) W Hern 9-0 B Rouse 77
8 (8) 03 SWEET REQUEST 139 (Cliveden Stud) A Stewart 9-0 M Roberts 77
9 (7) 3-2 VALLANCE 100 (Mrs P Harris) P Harris 9-0 W Newnes 91
10 (2) BIJOU PRINCESS (A Bennett) H Candy 8-9 C Rutter —
11 (5) 3 SPITFIRE GIRL 35 (A Stirling) R Charlton 8-9 R Hills 97

BETTING: 11-4 Kilmarnock, 7-2 Spitfire Girl, 5-1 Red Bishop, 6-1 Sea Cadet, Legion Of Honour, 10-1 Sweet Request, 12-1 Vallance, 14-1 others.

1990: MUZO 9-0 S Cauthen (6-1) H Cecil 17 ran

2.45 STANLEY CREDIT CLAIMING HANDICAP (£3,519: 6f) (24 runners)

1 (15) 411626 FIVESEVENFIVEO 4 (D,F,G) (J Clayton) J Berry 3-10-0 S Haworth (7) 94
2 (24) 032615 SALLY FAY 8 (D,F) (M Easterby) M H Easterby 3-9-10 M Roberts 88
3 (19) 52-0660 FAMILY AT WAR 34 (B,F) (D Woosnam) J Etherington 3-9-8 J Weaver (7) 93
4 (8) 60-2133 FOREVER DIAMONDS 7 (F,S) (Mrs J Russell) Miss L Perratt 4-9-8 G Carter 97
5 (3) 000055 SLADES HILL 11 (D,BF,F) (J Hanson) Miss S Hall 4-9-8 E Johnson 92
6 (9) 000610 DAWN'S DELIGHT 56 (CD,G,S) (K Ivory) K Ivory 13-9-8 N Kennedy (5) 82
7 (5) 234484 DORKING LAD 7 (D,G,S) (M Bowring) M Tompkins 9-9-8 M Godsafe (7) 93
8 (1) 004000 WARRIOR PRINCE 6 (V,F) (Desmond Racing Limited) R Whitaker 3-9-8 S Perks 88
9 (18) 010600 HURRICANE POWER 9 (B,D,F,G) (J Bethell) J Bethell 4-9-6 Pat Eddery 94
10 (17) 001500 WELLSY LAD 17 (D,S) (J Chapman) D Chapman 4-9-3 G Baxter ● 99
11 (20) 40-3403 TULFARRIS 48 (Almond Construction Ltd) D Moffatt 4-9-3 C Hodgson (5) 81
12 (11) 0-50610 FIORINI 64 (B,D,S) (V Wade) C Booth 3-9-3 K Fallon 94
13 (2) 030003 IRON KING 11 (D,F,G) (T Coleman) J Spearing 5-8-12 Dean McKeown 98
14 (6) 000260 TRAINBLEU 74 (HB,D,BF,F) (G Stewart) R Johnson Houghton 3-8-12 S Whitworth 94
15 (10) 000-050 HARTLEY 165 (BF,G) (J Turney) T Fairhurst 4-8-8 Dale Gibson 85
16 (23) 400045 GRANNY MC 21 (Mrs S Y Alston) E Alston 4-8-8 J Williams 80
17 (14) 300600 MINIZEN MUSIC 7 (F) (M Brittain) M Brittain 3-8-7 J Lowe 96
18 (12) 000531 NAZARE BLUE 29 (D,F) (Mrs B Waring) Mrs B Waring 4-8-7 N Howe 95
19 (4) 062565 HINARI HI FI 4 (D,F,G) (J Abbey) W Haigh 6-8-5 F Norton (5) 94
20 (22) 000000 GREAT MUSIC 8 (J Pickard) J Wainwright 3-8-5 W Newnes 94
21 (21) 300032 YES 9 (W Coleman) D Thom 3-8-5 A Cruz 97
22 (16) 344620 FOXES DIAMOND 3 (D Fox) J Hetherton 3-8-4 C Rutter 86
23 (7) 562250 BEAUMONT'S KEEP 11 (F) (K Whaldon) Mrs J Ramsden 5-8-3 NON-RUNNER 94
24 (13) 000000 SUPREME DESIRE 3 (T Peel) M Brittain 3-8-3 A McGlone —

BETTING: 11-2 Sally Fay, 6-1 Foxes Diamond, 7-1 Fivesevenfiveo, 8-1 Forever Diamonds, 10-1 Yes, Slades Hill, 12-1 Minizen Music, Dorking Lad, 14-1 Nazare Bleu, Iron King, 16-1 Hinari Hi Fi, Dawn's Delight, 20-1 others.

1990: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

3.20 STANLEY RACING HANDICAP (£5,981: 1m 3f 200yd) (16 runners)

1 (6) 4110 SHAH DIAMOND 100 (D,G) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 3-9-11 G Hind 80
2 (8) 31-440 SACRED NUMBER 77 (F) (S Niarchos) H Cecil 4-9-9 A McGlone 89
3 (12) 6-44613 JANBIYA 22 (F,G) (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 3-9-7 R Hills 85
4 (15) 55134 POLISHING 14 (D,F) (L S (Cons) Ltd) Mrs P Barker 4-9-4 F Norton (5) 93
5 (3) 3105 AL MUTAHM 69 (CD,BF,G) (H Al-Maktoum) A Stewart 3-9-4 M Roberts 84
6 (1) 025-126 JUST MY BILL 141 (B,D,S) (N Hetherton) J Hetherton 5-9-1 J Lowe 87
7 (2) 042130- RAGE 295J (G) (P Hurst) M H Easterby 4-8-13 A Cruz 80
8 (4) 14-1634 ONE FOR THE POT 93 (CD,BF,F,G,S) Mrs J Ramsden 6-8-10 Dean McKeown 85
9 (16) 16 LORD HASTIE 179 (BF,S) (Mrs J Bendall) S Norton 3-8-9 W Newnes 88
10 (5) 432320 MARDESSA 7 (C,F,G) (G Lee) F Lee 3-8-9 S Perks 89
11 (9) 511006 BEAU QUEST 28 (B,D,F,G) (G Farndon) R Woodhouse 4-8-8 K Fallon 96
12 (7) 245001 EIRE LEATH-SCEAL 8 (C,D,F,G) (M Brittain) M Brittain 4-8-8 (4ex) G Carter 92
13 (14) 0392 SKY PROSPECT 74 (BF) (D Chaplin) R Charlton 3-8-3 Pat Eddery 85
14 (10) 534053 GOLDEN TORQUE 21 (C,F,G,S) (T Smith) R Bastiman 4-7-13 H Bastiman (7) ● 99
15 (13) 046355 VALIANT WARRIOR 14 (H Mould) H Candy 3-7-12 C Rutter 80
16 (11) 220225 LOVING OMEN 11 (BF) (J Bigg) R Hollinshead 4-7-7 M Humphries (7) 80

Long handicap: Loving Omen 7-0

BETTING: 4-1 One For The Pot, 11-2 Eire Leath-Sceal, 6-1 Al Mutahm, Janbiya, 8-1 Sky Prospect, 10-1 Shah Diamond, Sacred Number, 12-1 Polishing, 14-1 Lord Hastie, 16-1 others.

1990: DAWADAR 3-9-3 J Fortune (2-1 fav) L Cumani 14 ran

3.55 STANLEY LEISURE ORGANISATION DREAM MILE STAKES (2-Y-O: £5,848: 1m 30yd) (4 runners)

1 (1) 21 BUNDESBANK 60 (F) (K Abdulla) R Charlton 9-1 Pat Eddery 91
2 (2) 15 CAPTAIN HORATIUS 20 (S) (D Hunnisett) J Dunlop 9-1 J Williams 98
3 (3) ANDY JACK (J Perrin) P Kelleway 8-12 G Carter —
4 (4) 2 FIELDRIDGE 14 (Mrs W Tulloch) C Nelson 8-12 M Roberts ● 99

BETTING: 6-4 Fieldridge, 15-8 Captain Horatius, 9-4 Bundesbank, 16-1 Andy Jack.

1990: LIVING IMAGE 8-12 Pat Eddery (5-2) (W Jarvis) 4 ran

4.25 STANLEY SNOOKER MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,228: 1m 30yd) (11 runners)

1 (8) 0 ALQAIRAWAAN 17 (H Al-Maktoum) J Dunlop 9-0 W Newnes 73
2 (10) 3302 GALLANT JACK 13 (J Brown (Bookmaker) Ltd) D Haydn Jones 9-0 G Carter 87
3 (3) INAN (H Al-Maktoum) J Dunlop 9-0 B Rouse —
4 (7) 0 LOOSE ZEUS 8 (A Warrender) C Wall 9-0 N Day —
5 (5) 643400 MAROWINS 24 (V) (Whitehills Racing Syndicate) M O'Neill 9-0 A Cruz 71
6 (2) 55 MILZIG 9 (Mrs J Ohlsson) D Elsworth 9-0 J Williams 94
7 (11) 2 MYSTIC PARK 21 (Sir P Oppenheimer) R Charlton 9-0 Pat Eddery ● 99
8 (6) 00 NELTEGRITY 17 (T Kenny) T Caldwell 9-0 C Dwyer 55
9 (9) 6 NORTHERN BLADE 35 (Mrs G Maloney) R Hollinshead 9-0 M Roberts 84
10 (1) 42 OWNER'S DREAM 28 (M Salem) B Hanbury 9-0 G Baxter 88
11 (4) 0 PERFECT LIGHT 9 (Lady Harris) G Moore 9-0 K Fallon 63

BETTING: 4-5 Mystic Park, 4-1 Inan, 6-1 Milzig, 12-1 Owner's Dream, 14-1 Alqairawaan, 16-1 Gallant Jack, Northern Blade, 20-1 others.

1990: PARIS OF TROY 9-0 F Coetzee (7-1) M Jarvis 17 ran

5.00 STANLEY CLUBS HANDICAP (£3,751: 5f) (16 runners)

1 (11) 202400 ZANONI 32 (CD,G) (T Warner) M Jarvis 4-10-0 M Roberts 92
2 (2) 451101 METAL BOYS 21 (CD,F,G) (North Staffs Racing Club) R Hollinshead 4-9-9 S Perks 92
3 (10) 011112 SEAMERE 4 (B,D,BF,F,G) (B Cambidge) B Cambidge 8-9-5 J Lowe 89
4 (4) 522005 BEAU VENTURE 13 (D,F,S) (Mrs A Stacey) F Lee 3-9-3 Pat Eddery 92
5 (7) 425000 BREEZY DAY 7 (D,G,S) (Mrs J McMahon) B McMahon 5-9-1 R Hills 93
6 (8) 050203 CROFT IMPERIAL 28 (D,F,S) (Mrs B Matthews) M Johnston 4-8-13 R P Elliott 93
7 (16) 413000 WANDA 28 (D,G,S) (E Mangan) K Burke 4-8-10 A Cruz 92
8 (5) 040055 THE SHANAHAN BAY 105 (B,CD,F,S) (Mrs Anne L Sanders) E Eldin 6-8-9 J Williams 87
9 (1) 005010 PLAYFUL POET 28 (D,G,S) (P Bourke) M H Easterby 4-8-8 S Whitworth 90
10 (12) 344310 ABLE JET 4 (B,D,F,S) (S Roots) Mrs N Macauley 3-8-8 (5ex) Dean McKeown 90
11 (15) 635000 MISS EL ARAB 9 (D,F,G) (M Graham) E Alston 3-8-5 K Fallon 87
12 (14) 305020 GLENCROFT 11 (B,C,D,BF,F,G,S) (D Chapman) D Chapman 7-8-4 G Baxter 90
13 (13) 251023 CONSULATE 9 (D,G,S) (R Parker) J Balding 5-8-3 G Carter 93
14 (3) 460504 GONDO 21 (V,F) (M O'Brien) E Alston 4-8-2 N Kennedy (5) 90
15 (9) 3-05500 AUROREUM 127 (J Khan) L Holt 4-7-11 N Adams 89
16 (6) 020102 THE RIGHT TIME 9 (B,D,F,S) (J Myers) J Parkes 6-7-9 Dale Gibson ● 99

BETTING: 5-1 Seamere, 6-1 Metal Boys, 7-1 Croft Imperial, 8-1 Zanoni, 10-1 Able Jet, The Right Time, 12-1 Beau Venture, Playful Poet, 14-1 Consulate, Glencroft, 16-1 others.

1990: THE SHANAHAN BAY 5-8-3 A Munro (12-1) E Eldin 16 ran

5.25 STANLEY SPORTSLINE MAIDEN STAKES (Div II: 3-Y-O: £2,713: 1m 2f 120yd) (10 runners)

1 (2) 0- BOLLIN WILLIAM 337 (Sir N Westbrook) M H Easterby 9-0 S Whitworth —
2 (1) 0 BUCKINGHAM BAND 6 (P Barr) F Lee 9-0 K Fallon —
3 (5) 54 IVANOV 73 (Sheikh Mohammed) M Stoute 9-0 P D'Arcy 88
4 (6) 3 KANSK 161 (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 9-0 A McGlone 92
5 (8) 55 MOONLIGHT QUEST 137 (Mrs J Lamb) B Hanbury 9-0 G Baxter ● 99
6 (4) 0 PERSIAN BUD 67 (Mrs P Harris) P Harris 9-0 W Newnes —
7 (8) 0- STYRIAN 321 (Lord Howard de Walden) W Jarvis 9-0 Pat Eddery —
8 (3) BLUE BIRDS FLY (T Rootes) R Charlton 8-9 M Roberts —
9 (10) 63448 DASHING APRIL 34 (Mrs J Copp) D Thom 8-9 A Cruz 86
10 (7) SPECIFICITY (Pin Oak Stable) J Gosden 8-9 Dean McKeown —

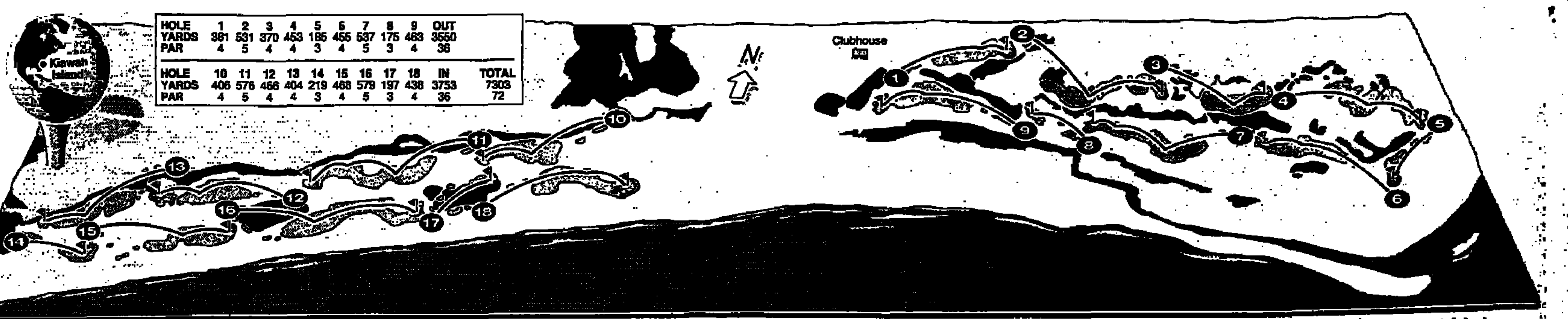
BETTING: 7-4 Kansk, 3-1 Moonlight Quest, 5-1 Ivanov, 6-1 Styrian, 8-1 Blue Birds Fly, 10-1 Specificity, 14-1 Bollin William, 16-1 others.

1990: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

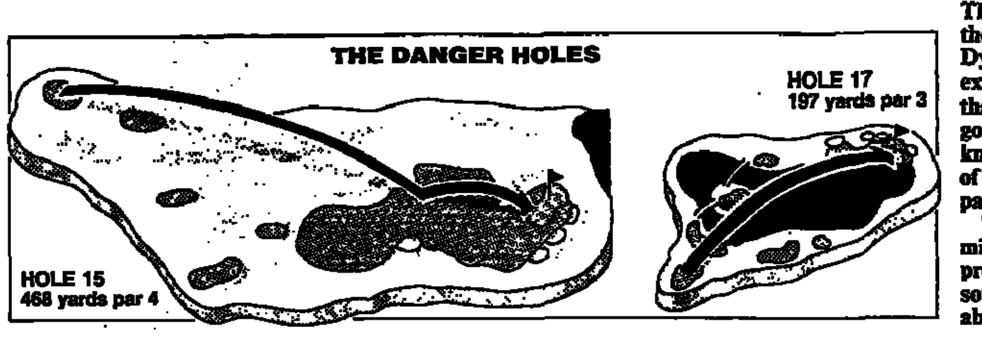
COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
H Cecil	26	62	41.9	A Cruz	4	16	25.0
J Gosden	8	30	26.7	Pat Eddery	35	151	23.2
R Williams	4	16	25.0	M Roberts	12	89	13.5
R Charlton	3	12	25.0	G Carter	11	84	13.1
H Thomson Jones	13	54	24.1	Dean McKeown	18	139	12.9
C Nelson	5	22	22.7	R Hills	14	111	12.6

The Times guide to the Ryder Cup match which starts at Kiawah Island today



HOLE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	OUT	
YARDS	381	531	370	453	185	455	537	175	463	3550	
PAR	4	5	4	4	3	4	5	3	4	36	
HOLE	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	IN	TOTAL
YARDS	406	576	466	404	219	468	579	197	438	3753	7303
PAR	4	5	4	4	3	4	5	3	4	36	72



THIS is the course that Pete Dye has built to provide the Ryder Cup with a fearsome test of golf. When Dye first visited Kiawah Island, he became so excited by the prospect of creating the Ocean Course that he lost his way among the salt marshes; the golfers representing the United States and Europe know that straying off the fairways in the excitement of the contest over the next three days will be particularly costly.

The Ocean Course is a $6 million (about £3.5 million) masterpiece from the designer, whose previous golf creations have earned him the soubriquets of the Marquis de Sod and Pete Dye-abolical. For the Ryder Cup, the course measures 7,303 yards and, although not a true links, it is built with the wind in mind and bump-and-run shots are going to play an important role.

There are two holes on the closing stretch which will play a large part in deciding the destination of valuable points — the 15th and the 17th. The par-four 468-yard 15th is a cleverly designed hole because it provides an examination whether it is played into or against the wind.

The 15th comes at an important point in matchplay, naturally placing pressure on the approach shot to a green running diagonally away from the golfer from the right to a pond on the left. The water does not come into play but waste areas left and to the back of the green certainly do.

There is no margin for error at the 17th, a 197-yard par three. From the tee, it is impossible to see half the green, which is long and intimidating. The bulkhead which supports the green is camouflaged by bullrushes so the bottom of the flag is often out of sight: The tee-shot is a carry over water and the large green runs away from the player diagonally from the left with a large hump cutting into the back of the green at its mid-point.

Dye enjoyed the challenge of designing the Ocean Course so much that he moved his home to Kiawah and worked from dawn to dusk. The Ryder Cup golfers will find just how tough a test he has set.

United States can barely conceal their need to win

From DAVID MILLER
AT KIAWAH ISLAND
SOUTH CAROLINA

SAM Ryder, the St Albans seed merchant, would be delighted. Sixty years on, with all sport more professional than ever, Ryder's cup, contested without money, has attained a significance unimagined: it is the epitome of everything that sport, team spirit and sportsmanship are supposed to be.

The Ryder Cup brings those elements of honour, pride and selflessness to a world of sport widely expedient, so that hardened golf professionals talk about it with the same reverence as athletes do the Olympic Games. It is an event in which the individual is subordinate to the team, yet individual heroics bring its drama.

Tony Jacklin's motivation, when captain of the European team which today seeks to extend the unbeaten sequence which began in 1985, came from years of trying to penetrate American golf supremacy, of being resentful of their assumption of dominance. That resentment is now carried by the Americans, increasingly frustrated at talk on both sides of the pond that, of *course*, the best players nowadays are European.

There is something seismic in the American dimension of pain when coming second. We saw it in 1983 when Ben Lexcen's boat sailed away from Newport with the supposedly immovable America's Cup. Losing the Ryder Cup once, at The Belfry in 1985, was bad enough; to lose it three times was bordering on the humiliation experienced by the British for so many years.

"I've given a year and a half of my life to getting it back," Dave Stockton, the American captain, says.

Stockton is an aggressive, articulate little guy who for some days has been exchanging verbal taunts with Bernard Gallacher, the new European captain.

They have both been smiling when sitting behind the microphone at conference time, but you sense that Gallacher is the one with the clenched teeth. He has the more to lose: many people, including American commentators, expect Europe to win, and Gallacher has been constantly on edge.

The hyperbole has climbed higher than ever, and though Stockton tries to play down the "War on the Shore" label, nobody is doubting the intensity with which the American team enter the fray, the more so after Wednesday night's unfortunate triple automobile shunt in which Pate was hurt and several others shaken.

"I think a team is going to win the matches . . . and I have a team," Stockton said. "We're bonded together."

Acutely aware of the psychological factor of matchplay, Stockton's instruction to his men is to go out and play the course rather than the opponent. Yet on singles strokeplay approach, the Americans may still find they are second best.

"Ryder Cup match play is scary," Stockton said. "What you're representing — your family, your tour, your country . . ." He pauses, reflectively. "That's what makes it fun." A further pause. "It's not the end of the world, though."

It is abundantly clear that the Americans are desperate to win, and equally anxious not to show the extent of their desperation. The intensity comes through in many of their comments, not least by the combative Lanny Wadkins, one of three Americans in their forties.

"I want to play it so badly, I can't stand it," Wadkins has said. He beat Faldo one-up in singles in the tied match of 1989, and is particularly irritated by claims of European supremacy. "Let's play 12-on-12 every day," he suggests, really to test European depth. Stockton echoes his criticism of Europe's lack of depth.

The rest of the team echo the anxiety. "There's tremendous pressure being on the team," Mark O'Meara says. Payne Stewart thinks there is no other event like it in golf, "an intense competition". Ray Floyd admits "you can be in total awe and intimidated by Ryder Cup play". Floyd has lost 13 of 22 matches.

Hale Irwin recollects that "when the national anthem plays, it's a tough time for me". Chip Beck calls up the ultimate in nationalism: "Since the Gulf war, there's a new kind of pride in the country, and that's come into golf." Who can doubt the Americans *need* to win?

The Americans are stronger in overall world ranking, but the fascination of the next three days will be how the balance tips between American experience and the comparable innocence of Europe's five newcomers.

Fascinating, too, will be the reaction of both teams to a course unlike anything in either the United States or Britain, a links-style course but without the bump-and-run character of harder British seaside subsoil and grass.

Stockton proclaims he wants his team to walk away on Sunday night with memories that will last them a lifetime. That should be true, either way, for both teams.

FACTS AND FIGURES

Results

1927 (Worcester, Massachusetts): United States 9½, Great Britain 2½. Captains: W Hagen (US), E Ray (GB).

1929 (Moortown, Leeds): GB 7, US 5. Captains: G Duncan (GB); W Hagen (US).

1931 (Scioto, Ohio): US 9, GB 3. Captains: W Hagen (US), C Whitcombe (GB).

1933 (Southport and Ainsdale, Merseyside): GB 6½, US 5½. Captains: J H Taylor (GB), W Hagen (US).

1935 (Ridgewood, New Jersey): US 9, GB 3. Captains: W Hagen (US), C Whitcombe (GB).

1937 (Southport and Ainsdale): US 8, GB 4. Captains: W Hagen (US), C Whitcombe (GB).

1947 (Portland, Oregon): US 11, GB 1. Captains: B Hogan (US), H Cotton (GB).

1949 (Ganton, Yorkshire): US 7, GB 5. Captains: B Hogan (US), C Whitcombe (GB).

1951 (Pinehurst, North Carolina): US 9½, GB 2½. Captains: S Snead (US), A J Lacey (GB).

1953 (Wentworth, Surrey): US 6½, GB 5½. Captains: L Mangrum (US), H Cotton (GB).

1955 (Thunderbird, California): US 8, GB 4. Captains: C Harbert (US), D Rees (GB).

1957 (Lindrick, Nottinghamshire): GB 7½, US 4½. Captains: D Rees (GB), J Burke (US).

1959 (Eldorado, California): US 8½, GB 3½. Captains: S Snead (US), D Rees (GB).

1961 (Royal Lytham, Lancashire): US 14½, GB 9½. Captains: J Barber (US), D Rees (GB).

1963 (Atlanta, Georgia): US 23, GB 9. Captains: A Palmer (US), J Fallon (GB).

1965 (Royal Birkdale, Merseyside): US 19½, GB 12½. Captains: B Nelson (US), H Weetman (GB).

1967 (Houston, Texas): US 23½, GB 8½. Captains: B Hogan (US), D Rees (GB).

1969 (Royal Birkdale): GB 16, US 16. Captains: E Brown (GB), S Snead (US).

1971 (St Louis, Missouri): US 18½, GB 13½. Captains: J Hebert (US), E Brown (GB).

1973 (Muirfield, East Lothian): US 19, Great Britain and Ireland 13. Captains: J Burke (US), B Hunt (GB).

1975 (Laurel Valley, Pennsylvannia): US 21, GB and Ire 11. Captains: A Palmer (US), B Hunt (GB and Ire).

1977 (Royal Lytham): US 12½, GB and Ire 7½. Captains: D Finsterwald (US), B Huggett (GB and Ire).

1979 (Greenbrier, West Virginia): US 17, Europe 11. Captains: W Casper (US), J Jacobs (Europe).

1981 (Walton Heath, Surrey): US 18½, Europe 9½. Captains: D Marr (US), J Jacobs (Europe).

1983 (PGA National, Florida): US 14½, Europe 13½. Captains: J Nicklaus (US), A Jacklin (Europe).

1985 (Belfry, West Midlands): Europe 16½, US 11½. Captains: A Jacklin (Europe), L Trevino (US).

1987 (Muirfield Village, Ohio): Europe 15, US 13. Captains: A Jacklin (Europe), J Nicklaus (US).

1989 (Belfry): Europe 14, US 14. Captains: A Jacklin (Europe), R Floyd (US).

Overall: US lead 21-5, with two ties.

Records

Most appearances: GB: C O'Connor (ten, 1955-73). US: W Casper (eight, 1961-75).

Most individual wins: US: A Palmer (22). Europe: N Faldo (16). Most individual defeats: US: R Floyd (13). GB: N Coles, C O'Connor (21).

Oldest players: US: Ray Floyd, 49 (1991). GB: E Ray, 50 (1927). Youngest players: US: H Smith, 21 (1929). GB and Ire: N Faldo, 20 (1977).

Television coverage

BBC: Today: BBC2: 2.15pm-5.30pm; 8.30pm-10.30pm; 11.15pm-midnight. Tomorrow: BBC1: 12.15pm-3.25pm. BBC2: 3.25pm-5.30pm; 8pm-11pm. Sunday: BBC2: 1.25pm-4pm; 6pm-10.30pm.

Satellite: Today: Eurosport: 1pm-6.30pm; 7.30pm. Tomorrow: Eurosport: 12.30pm-6pm; 7pm. Sunday: Eurosport: 9am-7.30pm.

DETAILS OF AMERICAN TEAM

Paul Azinger

Age 31; 6ft 2in; 12st 2lb. Turned pro: 1981. Major championships: 0. US Tour wins: 7. Sony world ranking: 8. Ryder Cup (1989): played 4, won 4, lost 1, halved 0.

Recovery from arthroscopic surgery on right shoulder in June confirmed with second place in Hardee's Classic.

Chip Beck

Age 34; 5ft 10in; 12st 2lb. Turned pro: 1978. Major championships: 0. US Tour: 3. World ranking: 21. Ryder Cup (1989): P4, W3, H1.

Not an aggressive golfer but a tough competitor with nerve to match. Accurate driver; solid putter.

Mark Calcavecchia

Age 31; 6ft; 14st 4lb. Turned pro: 1981. Major championships: Open 1989. US Tour: 5. World ranking: 24. Ryder Cup (1987-89): P7, W3, L4.

One of America's longest drivers but ranks only 142nd in accuracy. Seems to have regained his form at the right time.

Fred Couples

Age 31; 5ft 11in; 13st 3lb. Turned pro: 1980. Major championships: 0. US Tour: 5. World ranking: 7. Ryder Cup (1989): P2, L2.

Earned third place in Open with final round of 64. Possibly America's best golfer without a major win.

Raymond Floyd

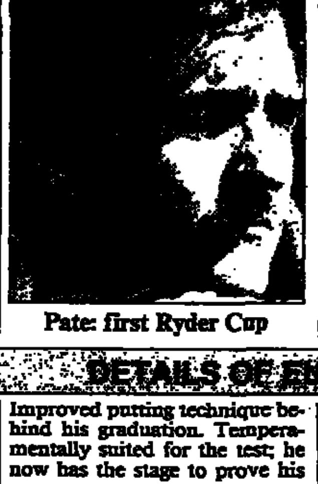
Age 48; 6ft 1in; 14st 4lb. Turned pro: 1961. Major championships: US PGA 1969, 1982; Masters 1976; US Open 1986. US Tour: 21. World ranking: 39. Ryder Cup (1969-75-77-81-83-85): P23, W7, L13, H3.

Captain in 1989. Stockton says that if Floyd had taken all the Americans' shots at the 18th at The Belfry, the United States would have won not tied.

Hale Irwin

Age 46; 6ft; 12st 7lb. Turned pro: 1968. Major championships: US Open 1974, 1979, 1990. US Tour: 19 World ranking: 12. Ryder Cup (1975-77-79-81): P16, W11, L4, H1.

Twice world matchplay champion, his experience will be invaluable. Leader in driving accuracy on the US Tour.


Pate: first Ryder Cup

Wayne Levi

Age 38; 5ft 9in; 11st 11lb. Turned pro: 1973. Major championships: 0. US Tour: 11. World ranking: 38. Ryder Cup: Debut.

US Tour's player of the year in 1990, when he won four times and over $1million. Accurate driver; lacks motivation.

Mark O'Meara

Age 34; 6ft; 12st 12lb. Turned pro: 1980. Major championships: 0. US Tour: 6. World ranking: 15. Ryder Cup (1985-89): P5, W1, L4.

Solid rather than flamboyant. Good in most departments and a particularly fine iron player.

Steve Pate

Age 30; 6ft; 12st 2lb. Turned pro: 1983. Major championships: 0. US Tour: 4. World ranking: 30. Ryder Cup: Debut.

Question mark over his driving but good putting stroke. Has played well in practice.

Corey Pavin

Age 31; 5ft 9in; 10st. Turned pro: 1981. Major championships: 0. US Tour: 9. World ranking: 16 Ryder Cup: Debut.

Accurate driver and US Tour's No. 1 putter this season. Will not mind if the wind blows hard.

Payne Stewart

Age 34; 6ft 1in, 12st 7lb Turned pro: 1979. Major championships: US Open 1991; US PGA 1989. US Tour: 8. World ranking: 6. Ryder Cup (1987-89): P8, W3, L5.

Unquestionably the Americans' No. 1, although his intoxicating dress contrasts sharply with his sober style.

Lanny Wadkins

Age 41; 5ft 9in; 11st 6lb. Turned pro: 1971. Major championships: US PGA 1977 US Tour: 20. World ranking: 13. Ryder Cup (1977-79-83-85-87-89) P25, W15, L9, H1.

Much-feared opponent because of his aggressive play and never-say-die attitude. Considered Stockton's anchorman.

Captain

Dave Stockton

Age 49; 5ft 11in; 12st 7lb. Turned pro: 1964 Major championships: US PGA 1970, 1976. US Tour: 11. Ryder Cup (1977). P5, W3, L1, H1.

He has left nothing to chance and his team will be well briefed. A meticulous man who has put more into the match than any previous American captain.

DETAILS OF EUROPEAN TEAM

Severiano Ballesteros (Spain)

Age 34; 6ft; 12st 9lb. Turned pro: 1974. Major championships: Open 1979, 1984, 1988; Masters 1980, 1983. European Tour wins: 48. Other wins: 15. Sony world ranking: 5. Ryder Cup (1979-83-85-87-89): played 25, won 13, lost 8, halved 4.

His contribution will prove decisive because he inspires others to raise their games; has learned to handle the responsibility and gained the respect of everyone.

Paul Broadhurst (England)

Age 26; 5ft 11½in; 11st 7lb. Turned pro: 1988. Major championships: 0. European Tour: 3. Others: 0. World ranking: 93. Ryder Cup: Debut.

His role is likely to be in making birdies in the fourballs; he once shot 63 at St Andrews. Not likely to be intimidated by the occasion.

Nick Faldo (England)

Age 34; 6ft 3in; 14st 7lb. Turned pro: 1976. Major championships: Open 1987, 1990; Masters 1989, 1990. European Tour: 21. Others: 5. World ranking: 3. Ryder Cup (1977-79-81-83-85-87-89): P27, W16, L9, H2.

Gallacher regards him as the toughest player in world golf today. His finely grooved game is the envy of all; his craving to win is insatiable.

David Feherty (Ireland)

Age 33; 5ft 10½in; 12st. Turned pro: 1976. Major championships: 0. European Tour: 4. Others: 2. World ranking: 44. Ryder Cup: Debut.

Improved putting technique behind his graduation. Temperamentally suited for the test; he now has the stage to prove his prowess.

David Gilford (England)

Age 25; 5ft 10in; 11st 3lb. Turned pro: 1986. Major championships: 0. European Tour: 1. Others: 1. World ranking: 99. Ryder Cup: Debut.

The most unlikely member of the team although he could surprise many. He hits deceptively long, which will help his cause on this course.

Mark James (England)

Age 37; 5ft 11in; 13st 3lb. Turned pro: 1975. Major championships: 0. European Tour: 14. Others: 3. World ranking: 45. Ryder Cup (1977-79-81-89): P14, W5, L8, H1.

A gritty competitor, which is why Gallacher selected him. His laconic way camouflages an intense desire to emulate others.

Bernhard Langer (Germany)

Age 33; 5ft 9in; 11st 2lb. Turned pro: 1972. Major championships: Masters 1985. European Tour: 24. Others: 6. World ranking: 9. Ryder Cup (1981-83-85-87-89): P22, W10 L8, H4.

The Americans are well aware of his capabilities. His putting grip is unconventional but his habit of holing putts at crucial times will serve him well.

Colin Montgomerie (Scotland)

Age 28; 6ft 1in; 13st 11lb. Turned pro: 1987. Major championships: 0. European Tour: 2. World ranking: 35. Others: 0. Ryder Cup: Debut.

His emergence this year was highly predictable. There are few weaknesses in his game, although he has admitted to there being a chink in his temperament.

José-Maria Olazábal (Spain)

Age 25; 5ft 10in; 11st. Turned pro: 1985. Major championships: 0. European Tour: 11. Others: 4. World ranking: 2. Ryder Cup (1987-89): P10, W7, L2, H1.

Burdened himself with the expectation of winning a major this year. Has relaxed again and his return to form has heightened team confidence.

Steve Richardson (England)

Age 25; 6ft 1in; 14st 7lb. Turned pro: 1989. Major championships: 0. European Tour: 2. Others: 0. World ranking: 36. Ryder Cup: Debut.

Richardson: big hitter

Hits the length to bring the Ocean Course to its knees. If he stays on the straight and narrow, he could be as effective as Faldo was on his debut in 1977.

Sam Torrance (Scotland)

Age 38; 5ft 11in; 13st 7lb. Turned pro: 1970. Major championships: 0. European Tour: 15. Others: 4. World ranking: 41 Ryder Cup (1981-83-85-87-89): P18, W4, L10, H4

His Ryder Cup record does not reflect his matchplay qualities. He can be relied on to increase team spirit, although he will want to play a prominent role on the course.

Ian Woosnam (Wales)

Age 33; 5ft 4½in; 11st 7lb Turned pro: 1979. Major championships: Masters 1991 European Tour: 19. Others: 7 World ranking: 1. Ryder Cup (1983-85-87-89): P17, W7, L7, H3

Has few peers when it comes to shotmaking. The only question-mark concerns his putting, which can leave him.

Captain

Bernard Gallacher

Age 42; 5ft 8in; 12st. Turned pro: 1967. Major championships: 0 European Tour: 14. Others: 3. Ryder Cup (1969-71-73-75-77-79-81-83): P31, W13, L13, H5.

His test will come if the Americans take an early initiative. He will then need to inspire as Jacklin did; but he is his own man, with his own ideas.

RACING

Mukaddamah is Carson's choice in Queen Elizabeth

By RICHARD EVANS, RACING CORRESPONDENT

WILLIE Carson has opted to ride Mukaddamah in tomorrow's Queen Elizabeth II Stakes at Ascot rather than Shadayid. Pat Eddery will take over on Shadayid.

The decision prompted a shake-up in the betting for the £285,000-added contest with Ladbrokes trimming the Peter Walwyn-trained Mukaddamah from 8-1 to 6-1, and extending Shadayid a point to 8-1.

Mukaddamah, fifth in the 2,000 Guineas, ran probably the best race of his career at Longchamp three weeks ago when a short head second to Priolo in the group one Prix du Moulin. In contrast, Shadayid has lost her early season sparkle and finished a disappointing fourth in the Ladbroke Sprint Cup at Haydock last time.

Star Of Gdansk, who was coughing two weeks ago, will miss the race and run instead in a listed contest at the Curragh. Hector Protector, the crack French miler, was due to arrive at the Berkshire course last night while Pat Valenzuela will ride Forty Niner Days in a gallop at Ascot this morning.

Roger Stein, trainer of the American challenger, has been delighted by the facilites on offer at Ascot but cannot understand why bookmakers are allowed to cream off cash from the sport. "It is going to be the death of English racing," he said.

Rain fell steadily at Ascot from mid afternoon and with the weather forecast promising more of the same until the weekend the going could well be soft for the £1 million race day. Sikeston, who revels in the mud, was trimmed to 16-1 yesterday. "He will be in his element," Clive Brittain, his trainer, said. "The softer the better."

Paul Cook, whose riding career was ended by a three horse pile-up at Doncaster two years ago, enjoyed better luck at Ascot yesterday as an owner. Misterioso was bought for £7,000 as a foal by the former jockey and surprised owners and trainer by winning the Blue Seal Stakes.

Cook, aged 45, decided to syndicate the Forzando filly last year but wisely kept a quarter share. A previous race at Goodwood a fortnight ago proved invaluable as Misterioso battled out the finish with the favourite Mathaayl. Experience eventually triumphed as Willie Carson urged Misterioso ahead in the final 100 yards.

Drum Taps has more experience than most, having raced in Britain as a three- year-old then in the United States as a four- and five-year-old, before returning to here this summer.

Yesterday he enjoyed his finest hour when coming out top in a thrilling finish to the Hoover Cumberland Lodge Stakes. In the final three furlongs the lead changed repeatedly before Drum Taps held off the late challenge of Rock Hopper.

Lord Carnarvon, the Queen's racing manager, owns the five-year-old with American breeder Will Farish. Drum Taps will run next in the Coppa d'Oro in Milan.

Rock Hopper, whose preparation for the race was interrupted by an injury to his foot, remains on course for the Arc. "I was very pleased with him in the circumstances. He spread a shoe and punctured the sole of his foot with the nail going in quite a way," Stoute said.

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RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S THREE MEETINGS

Ascot

Going: good to firm

2.00 (7f) 1, VOLKSRAAD (S Cauthen, 8-11 fav; Mandarin's nap); 2, Fairy Flax (R Cochrane, 9-2); 3, Crossillion (Pat Eddery, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 16 Sylvan Breeze (6th), 25 Bold Nephew (5th), Jalfad (4th). 6 ran. 1½l, 5l, 1½l, 5l, 10l. H Cecil at Newmarket. Tote: £1.70; £1.30, £2.00. DF: £2.90. CSF: £4.19. 1min 30.78sec.

2.30 (1m) 1, SELAAH (Pat Eddery, 11-1) 1. Nayland (W R Swinburn, 8-1); 3, Marine Diver (J Fanning, 11-2). ALSO RAN 9-2 fav Piquant, 11-2 Scatter (4th), Alhujairah, 13-2 Jawab, 12-1 Dream Carrier (5th), 20 Buster (6th). 8 ran. 1½l, nk, ½l, 6l, 2½l. M Stoute at Newmarket. Tote. £17.30; £2.70, £2.70, £1.90. DF: £42.10. CSF: £80.50. Tricast: £448.69. Trio: £82.30. 1min 44.18sec.

3.05 (1m 4f) 1, DRUM TAPS (L Dettori, 13-2); 2, Rock Hopper (Pat Eddery, 9-4 fav); 3, Young Buster (W R Swinburn, 11-4). ALSO RAN: 5-2 Azzaam (4th), 10 Hateel (5th). 5 ran. Hd, 1½l, 1l, 12l. Lord Huntingdon at West Ilsley. Tote: £8.30; £2.60, £1.20. DF: £6.70. CSF: £19.41. 2min 34.73sec.

3.40 (6f) 1, MISTERIOSO (W Carson, 7-2); 2, Mathaayl (R Hills, 5-4 fav); 3, Thewaari (Pat Eddery, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Petite Sirene (5th), 7 Flute (4th). 5 ran. ½l, 7l, ½l, 4l. D Elsworth at Whitsbury. Tote: £3.80; £1.30, £1.60. DF: £3.80 CSF: £7.79. 1min 19.23sec.

4.10 (2m 45yd) 1, BRANDON PRINCE (R Fox, 16-1); 2, Muse (M Roberts, 8-1); 3, Hidden Quest (R Cochrane, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 3 fav Beebob, 8 Retouch (5th), Mull House, Bardolph (5th), Roberty Lea, 14 Postage Stamp, 16 Beldale Star, 25 Go South (4th), Prince Sobur, 100 Knifeboard, Milton Burn. 14 ran. 3½l, 1½l, 4l, 4l, dead heat. I Balding at Kingsclere. Tote: £25.30; £7.30, £2.90, £1.90. DF: £95.00. CSF: £124.78. Tricast: £1004.30 Trio: £519.80. 3min 38.81sec.

4.40 (6f) 1, SUNDAY'S HILL (W Newnes, 9-1); 2, Fighting Temeraire (F Norton, 13-2), 3, Storm Dove (Pat Eddery, 7-2 fav). ALSO RAN: 4 Spell Of The Yukon, 9-2 North Esk, 14 Silvio Alfredo (4th), Dollar Wine, 16 Best Finish (5th), 20 My Czech Mate (6th). 8 ran. Nk, 3½l, 2l, sh hd, 6l. M Blanshard at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £11.70; £2.20, £1.70, £1.80. DF: £39.70. CSF: £55.79. Tricast: £191.88. 1min 18.82sec.

5.10 (7f) 1, SNAADEE (F Norton, 8-11 fav; Our Newmarket Correspondent's nap): 2, Shafouri (G Milligan, 9-2); 3, Pharaoh's Dancer (B Thomas, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Consigliere, 10 Too Conspicuous (5th), 16 Cape Pigeon (4th), 33 Heroes Sash (6th), 66 Flying Promise. 8 ran. NR: Asterix. 10l, 2l, 2½l, 6l, 4l. M Stoute at Newmarket. Tote: £1.90; £1.40, £1.10, £3.40. DF: £4.20. CSF: £4.88. 1min 31.05sec.

Jackpot: not won. (Pool of £6956.36 carried over to Ascot today).

Placepot: £266.30.

Taunton

Going: hard

2.20 (2m 3f hdle) 1, Bannister (P Scudamore, 2-9 fav); 2, Marlborough Lady (6-1); 3, The Butler (40-1). 5 ran. NR: Arcticflow. 30l, 7l. M Pipe. Tote: £1.20; £1.10, £1.80. DF: £1.80. CSF: £1.94.

2.50 (3m ch) 1, Shelchio Boy (S Burrough, 3-1 jt-fav); 2, Sign Post (3-1 jt-fav); 3, Smallwood Willet (5-1). Grey Tornado, Torre Trader 3-1 jt-favs. 5 ran. 6l, 30l. R Hodges. Tote: £4.20; £2.00, £1.60. DF: £8.20. CSF: £10.90.

3.20 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Secret Summit (G Moore, 11-2); 2, Gin And Orange (7-2); 3, Deepky (5-2 jt-fav). Ballshy 5-2 jt-fav. 6 ran. 6l, ½l. A Moore. Tote: £4.80; £2.00, £1.50. DF: £7.70. CSF: £22.41. No bid.

3.50 (2m 110yd ch) 1, Al-Khalida (A Tory, 7-2); 2, Ryton Run (A Jones, 11-1); 3, Lad Lane (21-20 fav). 5 ran. ½l, 20l. R Hodges. Tote: £2.70; £1.30, £2.20. DF: £10.40. CSF: £26.95.

4.20 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Seven Sons (D Bridgwater, 4-1); 2, Nordic Delight (13-8 fav); 3, The Megue (2-1). 5 ran. NR: Pant Llin. 3l, 3½l. W Turner. Tote: £5.20; £1.90, £1.60. DF: £4.80. CSF: £10.74.

4.50 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Our Martha (W Irvine, 25-1); 2, Shamshom Al Arab (2-1 jt-fav); 3, Casienne (3-1). Shot Stopper 2-1 jt-fav. 5 ran. 6l, 10l. J Roberts. Tote: £17.80; £3.60, £1.30. DF: £16.90. CSF: £67.65.

Placepot: £65.00.

Perth

Going: good

2.15 (2m hdle) 1, Master Ofthe House (P Niven, 4-1); 2, Aston Again (4-1); 3, Preobiakensky (7-4 fav). 15 ran. Hd, 8l. M Hammond. Tote: £4.00; £1.70, £2.20, £1.50. DF: £23.40. CSF: £19.47.

2.45 (3m ch) 1, Ragorey (C Grant, 13-2); 2, More Cool (8-1); 3, Who's In Charge (8-11 fav). 7 ran. 12l, 10l. W A Stephenson. Tote: £7.40; £1.70, £3.50. DF: £46.20. CSF: £46.79.

3.15 (2m 4f hdle) 1, Deb's Ball (D J Moffatt, 7-1); 2, The Demon Barber (3-1 fav); 3, Ambuscade (12-1). 8 ran. 6l, 15l. D Moffatt. Tote: £8.30; £2.10, £1.40, £2.70. DF: £8.90. CSF: £26.87. Tricast: £225.95.

3.45 (2m 4f ch) 1, Moment Of Truth (L O'Hara, 4-5 fav); 2, Aston Express (10-1); 3, Captain Mor (15-8). 4 ran. NR: Tactico. Nk, sh hd. P Monteith. Tote: £1.70. DF: £3.00. CSF: £6.83.

4.15 (2m hdle) 1, Crimson Cloud (G McCourt, 7-2 jt-fav); 2, Gallateen (4-1); 3, Go Tally-Ho (16-1). Azureus 7-2 jt-fav. 10 ran. 2l, 3l. N Tinkler. Tote: £4.40; £1.70, £1.90. £3.60. DF: £11.80. CSF: £17.75.

4.45 (3m hdle) 1, Valiant Dash (S Taylor, 3-1); 2, De Profundis (10-1); 3, Galloway Raider (11-4). Azusa 11-8 fav. 6 ran. 6l, 1½l. S Kettlewell. Tote: £4.40; £1.60, £1.90. DF: £13.20. CSF: £23.06.

Placepot: £1653.60.

Suave Dancer shines

SUAVE Dancer, the second favourite for Sunday week's Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, worked impressively for Cash Asmussen in a nine-furlong gallop at Chantilly yesterday. In company with two others, Suave Dancer quickened past them in a polished display.

"I cannot say categorically that he has improved since Ireland but he is fitter," John Hammond, his trainer, said. "On the day he will be just right."

On Monday Hammond will take Suave Dancer to Chantilly's sand track, Le Route des Lions, for his last serious work.

David Elsworth confirmed yesterday that Steve Cauthen will ride In The Groove in the Arc, but Andre Fabre said that no decision will be taken about St Leger winner Toulon's participation in the Arc until next Thursday.

With nine days to go until the Arc the prospects of the race being run on soft ground are growing. Testing going now prevails on all four Paris courses

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NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL

Braintree banking on a sparkling cup run

By WALTER GAMMIE

BRAINTREE Town, newcomers to the Beazer Homes League southern division, travel to Kettering Town, of the GM Vauxhall Conference, in the FA Cup second qualifying round tomorrow, and will be hoping to produce a performance that will spark enough interest in the town to sustain a further rise up the football pyramid.

Geoff Rosling, the club chairman, said: "I travelled to Cheltenham to see Kettering play on Wednesday and thought that we could have a chance by having a go at their full backs. We've got two wingers, Steve Hollocks and Barry Roberts, with a lot of pace."

Rosling rates Kettering as a less formidable side than the Barnet one to which Braintree lost 2-0 in front of 1,800 people on their Cressing Road ground last season.

Kettering did not win their first match of the season until they beat Wisbech 3-0 in the first qualifying round. But after rebuilding for the second season in a row under Peter Morris, their manager, they have won their last two Conference matches against Kidderminster and Cheltenham.

Braintree's promotion to the Beazer Homes League was clinched after five years of trying when Wisbech, the champions, turned down the chance and Braintree went forward as the Jewson Eastern League's second-placed team.

Peter Collins, the former Tottenham Hotspur player, took over as manager 18 months ago. Only three of the side he has built are older than 20, with Shane Bailey, Mark Cranfield and John Bishop, three talented teenagers under contract, repeatedly attracting attention from Football League clubs.

"What would be nice now would be to have the spark, like a cup run, that would ignite the club," Rosling said.

An important game takes place in the Conference tomorrow when Wycombe Wanderers, the leaders, who lost 1-0 to Macclesfield last Saturday to end a seven-match run of victories, play Colchester United, six points behind them, at Adams Park. A crowd of up to 5,000 is expected.

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Fleming provides Foster with his hundreth wicket on the last day of the season

Weather gets the better of the argument

By RICHARD STREETON

CHELMSFORD (final day of four): Essex drew with Victoria

HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Dismal outlook: a lone spectator is confronted by a desolate scene as he waits in vain for play to reach a satisfactory conclusion at Chelmsford

A VIOLENT thunderstorm, which rapidly covered the ground with huge pools of water, thwarted Essex yesterday when they were on the brink of trouncing Victoria, the Sheffield Shield holders, by an innings. On the season's final day, therefore, English cricket was deprived of a success that would have set the seal on a memorable summer.

When the players fled from the field half an hour after lunch, Victoria, having followed on 175 runs behind, were 56 for eight. Modern batsmen's susceptability to spin on a turning pitch had been once again been exposed as Childs and Such, the Essex slow bowlers, took advantage of the conditions. With 62 overs left, defeat for Victoria was inevitable.

It continued to pour for 3¼ hours and normally the match would have been abandoned much earlier. When the rain ceased at 4.50, the square as the covers came off resembled a morass but still the officials seemed reluctant to face the inevitable. It was hard to avoid the impression that the £12,000 winners' prize-money was a factor in the thinking. Had they played, though, it would have taken all credence from the match. The temptation, happily, was duly avoided though the abandonment was not finally made until 5.50, the last possible moment.

Childs was given the £500 man of the match award for his skilful bowling, though whether Victoria should have been provided with a pitch that helped spinners to such an extent, provided further arguments.

O'Donnell, the Victoria captain, said afterwards that in five visits to England he had never before seen a pitch like it. "For any batsman it would have been virtually impossible to make a significant contribution on it," he said. O'Donnell approved of the challenge match as a concept but wondered if it would be better to play it on a neutral ground in future such as Lord's or the Oval.

Both teams received £2,500 provided for a draw by Britannic Assurance, the sponsors but the inconclusive outcome was also a disappointment in wider aspects.

Britannic Assurance will decide before the 1992 fixtures are confirmed in early November whether to sponsor a similar game next year.

Neil Foster took his hundredth wicket of the season with the day's fifth ball when Victoria, with two wickets left, resumed their first innings 37 short of avoiding the follow-on. Foster reached the milestone when he had Fleming caught behind.

Victoria made a poor start to their second innings and this became a rout when the spinners were brought on after only eight overs. By then both opening batsmen had gone and none of the other batsmen were able to deal with Childs and Such.

ESSEX: First innings 343 (D R Pringle 68, J P Stephenson 54, N V Knight 53)

VICTORIA: First innings

D J Ramshaw lbw b Childs	11
W N Phillips c Pringle b Foster	2
D M Jones c Gooch b Childs	25
D S Lehmann c Hussain b Such	15
*S P O'Donnell c Prichard b Such	12
G R Parker b Childs	0
A I C Dodemaide lbw b Foster	21
M G Hughes not out	60
†D S Berry c Prichard b Childs	1
D W Fleming c Garnham b Foster	8
P W Jackson c Gooch b Foster	4
Extras (lb 9)	9
Total	168

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3, 2-39, 3-48, 4-70, 5-71, 6-71, 7-136, 8-137, 9-158.

BOWLING: Foster 33.3-12-63-4, Pringle 3-3-0-0, Childs 43-15-71-4, Such 17-7-25-2.

Second Innings

D J Ramshaw c Garnham b Foster	0
W N Phillips lbw b Stephenson	11
D M Jones c Hussain b Such	9
D S Lehmann lbw b Childs	8
*S P O'Donnell b Childs	5
G R Parker lbw b Childs	1
A I C Dodemaide b Such	0
M G Hughes not out	12
†D S Berry lbw b Such	4
Extras (b 3, lb 3)	6
Total (8 wkts)	56

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-14, 3-29, 4-33, 5-37, 6-40, 7-40, 8-56.

BOWLING: Foster 4-1-14-1; Stephenson 4-1-10-1; Childs 7-2-19-3; Such 6.1-2-7-3.

Umpires: R Julian and K E Palmer.

GOLF

Pardoe recovers nerve to keep Wales on course

From PATRICIA DAVIES IN ROSSES POINT, CO. SLIGO

WALES have never won the home internationals but they beat Scotland by the narrowest margin to give themselves a shot at a momentous victory here yesterday.

The issue is by no means clear-cut, however, for Ireland, who hammered England 11-4, after drawing with Wales on Wednesday, and Scotland are still in with a chance.

Wales, who have delighted John Roger-Jones, their captain, by playing to their potential, won the foursomes 3-2, and that edge proved vital as the singles remained unresolved.

At the top of the order, Simon Pardoe, the Welsh champion, who missed a 14-inch putt at the last in the foursomes to lose the game, rolled in a 30-footer on the same green to halve his match with Graham Lowson. It was even more crucial than his earlier miss, for Scotland won the next three singles.

Victories for Mike Calvert, Mike Macara and Calvin O'Carroll revived Wales, though, and it all came down to Gary Houston, the anchor man. Two up with two to play against Craig Watson, the Welshman got a birdie at the last to clinch the match. He is nicknamed Whitney, but the Welsh warcry he uttered after shaking hands was far from tuneful.

The Irish virtually assured themselves of a satisfactory night when they won the foursomes by four matches to one. England might have sneaked an extra half-point but for the crowd-silencing sight of Peter McEvoy leaving a three-foot putt short at the last, to hand Raymond Burns and Richard Coughlan victory by one hole.

RESULTS: Ireland 11, England 4 (Irish names first): Foursomes: G McGimpsey and R Hutton bt G Wolstenholme and C Watts, 1 hole; G McNeill and N Goulding bt I Garbutt and N Ludwell, 2 and 1; P Harrington and J Fanagan bt R Hutt and M Pullan, 6 and 5; R Burns and R Coughlan bt P McEvoy and M Stanford, 1 hole; T Corridan and D O'Sullivan lost to A Rogers and C Edwards, 3 and 2. Singles: McNeill halved with Wolstenholme; Harrington bt Garbutt, 3 and 2; McGimpsey bt Ludwell, 3 and 2; Goulding lost to Watts, 1 hole; Coughlan halved with Rogers; Hutton bt G Winter, 3 and 2; Burns bt Edwards, 3 and 2; Fanagan bt Stanford, 1 hole; Corridan bt Pullan, 1 hole; O'Sullivan lost to Hutt, 1 hole.

Scotland 7, Wales 8 (Scottish names first): Foursomes: J Milligan and D Robertson bt C O'Carroll and S Pardoe, 1 hole; G Hay and D Paton lost to S Jones and R Dinsdale, 3 and 1; G Lowson and D Crawford lost to C Evans and C Rees, 3 and 1; W Bryson and C Watson bt M Macara and A Barnett, 5 and 4; G Lawrie and S Knowles lost to G Houston and S Wilkinson, 1 hole. Singles: Lowson halved with Pardoe; Milligan bt Wilkinson, 4 and 3; Hay bt Rees, 3 and 2; Bryson bt Dinsdale, 1 hole; Robertson lost to Macara, 2 holes; Paton lost to M Calvert, 5 and 4; Thomson bt Evans, 1 hole; Lawrie lost to O'Carroll, 2 and 1; Knowles halved with Jones; Watson lost to Houston, 2 holes.

Mishaps fail to blunt Barnes's challenge

BRIAN Barnes wished he had pulled out of the Austrian Open after managing only five-and-a-half hours sleep before teeing-off yesterday following a long journey from his father's funeral. But he changed his mind last night as a six-under-par 66 left him only two strokes behind the overnight leader, Steve McAllister.

The Scot admitted: "I was ready to pull out after a car, which was supposed to meet me at the airport, failed to turn up and I only reached the hotel at 11pm. I got to bed an hour later and had to get up at 5.30am. But I had promised my father, Tom, when I last saw him last week that I would not change my schedule and so I went ahead with nil expectations.

"As it's turned out, this is really helping me to think about something else, rather than losing somebody so close."

Despite his lack of a practice round at the scenic Jack Nicklaus-designed course, Barnes, aged 46, produced the kind of golf which earned him six Ryder Cup caps.

Sandy Lyle blamed a string of missed chances on the greens for a disappointing 70, and his playing partner, Craig Parry, who needs runner-up or a win to take him to second in the money list, finished on 71.

EQUESTRIANISM

Hooper takes lead after the dressage

By JENNY MACARTHUR

FRANCES Hooper yesterday took a slender lead on her former dressage horse, Park Royal, at the end of the first full day of dressage at the Blenheim Audi International horse trials.

Hooper, from Billingshurst, Sussex, produced a copybook test on the nine-year-old gelding to finish less than a point ahead of Charlotte Hollingsworth, on the eight-year-old Madam Butterfly.

The in-form Pippa Nolan, on Heron's Flight, the first of her two rides, is in third place. Nicola May, on the experienced 14-year-old McDuff, is fourth.

Hooper, who bought Park Royal from her dressage trainer, Dane Rawlins, two years ago, is now hoping for an incident-free round in tomorrow's cross country. Both at Burghley, earlier this month, and Badminton in May, she ended up in the water after falling from her top horse, The Black Magician.

Park Royal — "a straightforward type, but strong" — underlined his credentials when finishing second at Waregem, in Belgium, last year. This year, at Breda, in The Netherlands, they led after the dressage but dropped out of contention after a run-out on the cross country.

There are plenty of opportunities for mistakes on tomorrow's 28-fence course. Mike Etherington-Smith has made it more difficult than last year. There is more emphasis on accurate, bold riding — most notably at fence eight, the combination in the arena.

That will favour May. McDuff is probably the most experienced horse competing. He has completed both Badminton and Burghley twice. May had intended to bring a younger horse but after a setback in his training decided to bring McDuff.

Hollingsworth, lying second, will have a more difficult task with Madam Butterfly. She bought the eight year old former pony club eventer last year after the horse's previous owner had been having problems. "She is not the easiest . . . she's more of a long term prospect," Hollingsworth said.

Karen Straker, the European bronze medal winner, is also still coming to terms with the first of her two rides, Stepney Bartholomew, on which she is lying fifth. This is the first three-day event for the nine-year-old gelding, whom she started riding in May.

The last 40 riders of the record 113-strong field complete their dressage test today. With Ian Stark, the European champion, and Blyth Tait, the world champion, among those competing, the leader board is likely to be dramatically reshuffled before the cross country.

RESULTS (after dressage): 1, Park Royal (F Hooper), 48.4pts; 2, Madam Butterfly (C Hollingsworth), 47; 3, Heron's Flight (P Nolan), 50.4; 4, McDuff II (N May), 50.8; 5, Stepney Bartholomew (K Straker), 52; 6, Home Run II (V Latta, NZ), 53.

FOOTBALL

Durie and Van den Hauwe struggling to face United

AS IF defeat by the third division's bottom club was not bad enough, Tottenham Hotspur's problems were compounded by yesterday's realisation that both Gordon Durie and Pat Van den Hauwe may not be fit to face Manchester United at White Hart Lane tomorrow.

Durie did not appear for the second-half of the 1-0 reverse at Swansea City after a clash of heads. Van den Hauwe limped off after two minutes with a hamstring complaint.

The only good news for Tottenham is the likelihood that Gary Lineker will face the league leaders. He was left out of the Rumbelows Cup tie tie after failing a fitness test on back and toe injuries.

The only League club without a win this season, Swansea exploited the depleted state of Tottenham when their captain, Jimmy Gilligan, cracked the match-winner two minutes from time. It was only his second full game following a back operation four months ago.

Liverpool's defenders felt the wrath of Graeme Souness after conceding two sloppy goals to Stoke City in the 2-2 draw at Anfield. Poor defending was to blame each time the third division side cancelled out headed goals from Rush with efforts from Cranson and Kelly. "The goals we conceded you see in school park games," the Liverpool manager said.

Coventry City made their second-leg at Rochdale almost a formality with a 4-0 victory.

The all-ticket gate of 20,679 that saw Ian Wright score his first goal for Arsenal in a 1-1 draw, produced Leicester City's record gate receipts of £126,596. Walsh headed Leicester's late equaliser.

Newcastle find a solution

TWO second division clubs with financial worries of a varied nature are Charlton Athletic and Newcastle United but whereas United seem to have a solution, Charlton do not.

Newcastle, whose debts are heading towards £5 million, are planning a £2 million rights issue in an attempt to keep the 99-year-old club solvent. But the agreement on the second rights issue in 18 months was only reached after a stormy seven-hour board meeting at St James's Park.

The club's chairman, George Forbes, insists that the club will not fold up and claims there is no question of selling the best players despite a crippling overdraft.

Charlton's problems have become more critical with the soaring costs of the club's refurbishment programme. The renovation of the Valley that was expected to cost £5 million may now be nearer £5.75m.

The club's chairman, Roger Alwen, admits that Charlton may struggle to complete the project in time for a return to the Valley — from Upton Park — by Christmas.

☐ AC Milan are negotiating the sale of Ruud Gullit to Real Madrid, according to a report in the Rome daily, *La Repubblica*.

☐ Carlos Parreira, the coach of the Brazilian club, Bragantino, is back in his old job of managing the national side.

WEDNESDAY'S FOOTBALL RESULTS

RUMBELOWS CUP: Second round, first legs: Bristol Rovers 1, Bristol City 3; Charlton Athletic 0, Norwich City 2; Chelsea 1, Tranmere Rovers 1; Coventry City 4, Rochdale 0; Derby County 0, Ipswich Town 0; Grimsby Town 0, Aston Villa 0; Hartlepool United 1, Crystal Palace 1; Leicester City 1, Arsenal 1; Liverpool 2, Stoke City 2; Luton Town 2, Birmingham City 2; Manchester City 3, Chester City 1; Manchester United 3, Cambridge United 0; Millwall 2, Swindon Town 2; Nottingham Forest 4, Bolton Wanderers 0; Swansea City 1, Tottenham Hotspur 0.

GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Cheltenham 0, Kettering 3; Welling 1, Boston 3.

SKOL CUP: Semi-final: Rangers 0, Hibernian 1.

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP: Group one: Iceland 2, Spain 0 (in Reykjavik). Positions: 1, France, pl 6, 12pts; 2, Czechoslovakia, 6, 8; 3, Spain, 5, 4; 4, Iceland, 7, 4; 5, Albania, 6, 2. Group three: Soviet Union 2, Hungary 2 (in Moscow). Positions: 1, Soviet Union, 6, 10; 2, Norway, 6, 7; 3, Hungary, 7, 7; 4, Italy, 5, 6; 5, Cyprus, 6, 0. Group four: Faeroe Islands 0, Denmark 4 (in Landskrona, Sweden). Positions: 1, Yugoslavia, 6, 10; 2, Denmark, 6, 9; 3, Northern Ireland, 6, 5; 4, Austria, 5, 3; 5, Faeroe Islands, 7, 3.

INTERNATIONAL MATCHES: Bulgaria 2, Italy 1 (in Sofia); Norway 2, Czechoslovakia 3 (in Oslo).

OLYMPIC QUALIFYING MATCH: Soviet Union 2, Hungary 0 (in Moscow)

GERMAN CUP: Reutlingen 2, Bayer Leverkusen 3 (aet); Borussia Mönchengladbach 2, Cologne 0; Hanover 1, Bayer Uerdingen 0; Werder Bremen 4, Dynamo Dresden 1; Viktoria Cologne 1, Stuttgart Kickers 2 (aet); Freiburg 1, VfB Stuttgart 6; Bamberg 0, Kaiserslautern 1; Hamburg SV 0, Karlsruhe 1.

DUTCH LEAGUE: RKC Waalwijk 3, Venlo 3; FC Twente Enschede 1, Willem II Tilburg 0; FC Groningen 1, Roda JC Kerkrade 2; PSV Eindhoven 5, Dordrecht '90 0; Maastricht 2, Vitesse Arnhem 1; Feyenoord Rotterdam 1, Volendam 0; Fortuna Sittard 2, Sparta Rotterdam 2. Leading positions (after 9 matches): 1, Vitesse Arnhem, 15pts; 2, Twente Enschede, 12; 3, Sparta Rotterdam, 11.

PORTUGUESE LEAGUE: Porto 0, Sporting 0. Leading positions (after 5 matches): 1, Porto, 7pts, 2, Gumaraes, 7; 3, Boavista, 7

SWISS LEAGUE: Lausanne 2, Grasshoppers 2. Leading positions (after 12 matches). 1, Grasshoppers, 19pts; 2, Lausanne, 17; 3, Sion, 16.

TNT GOLD CUP: Quarter-final: Ballymena 5, Distillery 0.

FA TROPHY: First qualifying round, replay: Spennymoor 1, Brandon 0.

DIADORA LEAGUE: First division: Molesey 2, Croydon 4; Uxbridge 1, Aveley 0. Third division: Edgware 1, Tilbury 2; Royston 4, Kingsbury 2.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Chard 0, Chippenham 0; Frome 1, Elmore 5; Tiverton 4, Torrington 3.

HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division: Accrington Stanley 2, Droylsden 2. First division: Alfreton 2, Bridlington Town 3; Caernarfon 2, Curzon Ashton 1; Lancaster City 0, Netherfield 1; Radcliffe Borough 1, Guiseley 6.

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Leeds 1, Barnsley 1; Rotherham 3, Bradford 1; Sheffield Wed 2, Blackburn 2; Sunderland 4, Manchester City 1. Second division: Burnley 2, Port Vale 0; Notts County 2, Blackpool 0; Scunthorpe 2, Wigan 2; Wolverhampton 1, Middlesbrough 0.

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: Ipswich 4, Swindon 2; Oxford United 1, Norwich 4; Watford 3, West Ham 5, Wimbledon 1, Brighton 1.

NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Murton 5, Shildon 1; South Bank 0, Blyth Spartans 1; Whitby 2, Langley Park Welfare 1

RUGBY LEAGUE

Anfield switch is no loss to Wigan

By KEITH MACKLIN

IN PROMOTIONAL terms, Manchester's loss is Merseyside's gain next Wednesday when the world club championship between Wigan and the Australian champions, Penrith Panthers, is played at Anfield instead of Old Trafford.

Manchester United's home leg in the European Cup Winners' Cup has caused the switch but Anfield, which staged a successful Charity Shield match between Widnes and Wigan, was a natural choice as a neutral ground with high attendance capacity.

The two previous world club challenges attracted 37,000 to Central Park for Wigan's match against Manly-Warringah and 31,000 to Old Trafford when Widnes beat Canberra Raiders. A similar attendance is expected on Wednesday, especially after a significant announcement by the Panthers yesterday.

Fresh from their triumph in Australia's Winfield Cup grand final, Penrith have confirmed that their 1990 Kangaroos, Greg Alexander, John Cartwright and Mark Geyer will all play after having pain-killing injections for their injuries. This means that the only absentee from the Winfield Cup side will be the young centre, Brad Fittler, who has been selected for the Australian touring team to Papua New Guinea.

Wigan are making an ambitious attempt to play their new Australian signing, Gene Miles. He is not expected at Central Park until Thursday, but efforts are being made for him to board an earlier flight in which case he will, at least, sit on the substitutes' bench at Anfield.

☐ Mal Meninga is expected to give London Crusaders a decision early next week on whether he will join them on a short-term contract. The second division club has offered the Australian and Canberra captain £3,000 a match to play for them. Meanwhile, Crusaders have signed the North Sydney second-row forward, Steve Rosolen for the season. Rosolen, aged 24, could make his debut in the home game with Oldham on October 6.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Pressley nets title

JIM Pressley, aged 44, from Herne Bay, won the world sea angling title, fished in gale force winds off Westport, Ireland. He caught 78 dogfish in three days.

Pressley, Paul Cartwright, David Houghton, Steve Mills and Mick Toomer won the team title for England.

BOXING: Glenn McCrory yesterday met Lennox Lewis for the last time before he challenges Lewis's British and European heavyweight titles at the Albert Hall next Monday. Lewis expects to weigh about 16st 6lb.

☐ Donovan "Razor" Ruddock and Riddock Bowe have agreed to fight in February for the WBC's Intercontinental heavyweight title.

RUGBY UNION: Rupert Moon will lead the Midlands against the North at Moseley in the ADT divisional championships on October 5.

NORTHERN DIVISION: I Hunter (Northampton); S Bromley (Liverpool St Helens), K Simms (Liverpool-St H, capt), B Barley (Wakefield), D Cooke (West Hartlepool); G Ainscough (Orrell), D Scully (Wakefield); M Whitcombe (Sale), N Frankland (Newcastle Gosforth), S Peters (Waterloo), M Greenwood (Nottingham), D Baldwin (Sale), J Howe (W Hartlepool), M Ashurst (Orrell), A Macfarlane (Sale). Replacements: P Johnson (Headingley), M Strett (Orrell), S Douglas (N'cle Gosforth), J Woodthorpe (Harrogate), G French (Liverpool St H), S Gallagher (Orrell).

ICE HOCKEY: Solihull Barons will not play in the Heineken League premier division this season after failing to provide the necessary financial guarantees. Their place will be taken by Billingham Bombers.

BADMINTON: England's team to meet Japan at Birmingham's national arena on October 7 and in Sheffield on October 8 is:

Men: D Hall, S Butler, A Nielsen, C Hunt, A Goode, N Ponting, D Wright. Women: H Troke, J Muggeridge, F Smith, J Bradbury, G Gowers, S Sankey, G Clark.

REAL TENNIS: The top three seeds in the women's world championship, Penny Lumley, Alex Garside and Sally Jones, all of Britain, reached the third round in Hobart without loss of a set.

TENNIS: Boris Becker has withdrawn from the Australian indoor tennis championship because of a back injury.

FOR THE RECORD

AFRICAN GAMES

CAIRO: Athletics: Men: 200m: F Fredericks (Nam), 20.26sec. 110m hurdles: J Lalou (Mauritius), 14.12. Women: 200m: T Inegwan (Nigeria), 22.82. Shot: H Khaled (Egypt), 14.88. Swimming: Men: 400m freestyle: H Seif (Egypt), 3min 59.56sec. 200m breaststroke: J Lindemeier (Nam), 2:27.93 4 x 100m freestyle relay: Egypt, 3:34.91 Women: 100m breaststroke: M Bella (Alg), 1:15.67 100m butterfly: C Zwonikoff (Zim), 1:08.87. Weightlifting: 90kg: S Bendary (Egypt), 345kg. 100kg: S Sharaf (Egypt), 360kg.

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Atlanta Braves 2, Cincinnati Reds 1 (10 inns) and 9-10 (10 inns); Philadelphia Phillies 5, Chicago Cubs 4; Montreal Expos 7, St Louis Cardinals 2; San Francisco Giants 2, Houston Astros 1; San Diego Padres 8, Los Angeles Dodgers 2. AMERICAN LEAGUE: Chicago White Sox 6, Minnesota Twins 1; Oakland A's 8, Kansas City Royals 4; Texas Rangers 7, Seattle Mariners 1; Toronto Blue Jays 7, California Angels 2; Cleveland Indians 8, Detroit Tigers 4; New York Yankees 8, Milwaukee Brewers 6 (11 inns).

GOLF

TYTHERINGTON, Macclesfield: English women's open: First round (GB and Ireland unless stated): 68: L Davies. 69: E Orley (Switz). 70: C Dibnah (Aus). 71: J Forbes, L Maritz (SA). 72: P Wright, K Douglas, S Moon (US). 73: J Almark (Swe), M-L de Lorenzi (Fr), S Mendiburu (Fr), C Panton-Lewis, S Croce (It), H Wadsworth, L Fairclough, C Louw (SA). 74: D Petrizzi (US), M Bjuro (Swe), J Soulsby, J Brown, T Johnson, L Hackney, S Prosser, D Dowling, J Hill (Zim), J Kinloch

REAL TENNIS

HOBART, Tasmania: Women's world championship: Second round (Australia unless stated): P Lumley (GB) bt A Reed, 6-0, 6-0; B Baker bt J Lippincott (US), 6-5, 6-2; J Guest bt S Ratty (US), 6-0, 6-1; S Jones (GB) bt F Daucher, 6-0, 6-0; C Cornwallis (GB) bt R Snell, 6-1, 6-0; A Cockcroft (GB) bt M Heppell, 6-0, 6-4; A Garside (GB) bt E Welch 6-0, 6-1

RUGBY LEAGUE

JOHN SMITH'S YORKSHIRE CUP: Second round: Bramley 15, Bradford 39; Castleford 34, Hull Kingston Rovers 12; Huddersfield 9, Wakefield 52; Hull 18, Featherstone 16

YACHTING

LONG BEACH, California: Women's world championships: 470: Fifth race: 1, J Isler (US), 0pts; 2, M Duarra (It), 3; 3, L Moskalenko (USSR), 5.7. Overall: 1, Duarra, 9; 2, Moskalenko, 11.4. 3, Isler, 21.4. Europe: Fifth race: 1, T Moberg (Nor), 0; 2, J Coolidge (US), 3; 3, A Bogatec (It), 5.7. Overall: 1, Moberg, 0; 2, Bogatec, 20.1; 3, J Trotman (US), 24.7 Windsurfing: Seventh race: 1, P Way (GB), 0; 2, B Kendall (NZ), 3; 3, L Butler (US), 5.7. Overall: 1, Way, 16; 2, J Fenner (US), 34.7; 3, N Le Lievre (Fr), 39.4.

TENNIS

BASLE: Indoor tournament: First round: J McEnroe (US) bt T Guardiola (Fr), 6-2, 6-4, K Novacek (Cz) bt P Haarhuis (Neth), 6-2, 1-6, 6-3; A Mansdorf (Isr) bt A Cherkasov (USSR), 1-6, 6-3, 6-3; C Bergstrom (Swe) bt M Stich (Ger), 6-3, 6-3; P Cane (It) bt T Engqvist (Swe), 4-6, 6-3, 7-6. Second round: K Novacek (Cz) bt N Kulti (Swe), 6-4, 6-7, 7-6, A Volkov (USSR) bt T Carbonell (Sp), 6-3, 6-4, K Curren (US) bt S Bruguera (Sp), 6-4, 3-6, 6-3; J Hlasek (Switz) bt C-U Steeb (Ger), 7-6, 6-3; Mansdorf bt Cane, 7-5, 6-4

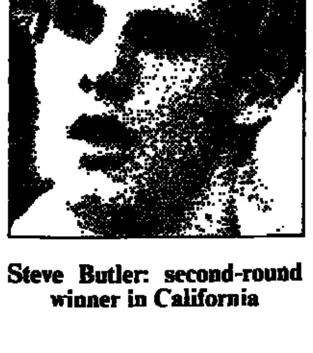
BAYONNE, France: Women's tournament: First round: C Kohde-Kilsch (Ger) bt E Rossides (US), 6-0, 6-2; R McQuillan (Aus) bt V Ruano (Sp), 6-1, 6-0; E Sviglerova (Cz) bt K Boogert (Neth), 1-6, 6-3, 6-4; N Tauziat (Fr) bt A Zugasti (Fr), 6-4, 4-6, 7-6, R Zrubakova (Cz) bt M Paz (Arg), 6-2, 3-6, 6-3; J Halard (Fr) bt B Fulco (Arg), 6-3, 6-0 Second round: C Porwik (Ger) bt A Strnadova (Cz), 7-6, 6-3; L Meskhi (USSR) bt N Herreman (Fr), 6-3, 6-2

BRISBANE: Queensland Open championships: Second round: W Ferreira (SA) bt D Orsanic (Arg), 6-4, 6-3; B Gilbert (US) bt N Kroon (Swe), 6-2, 6-1; J Stoltenberg (Aus) bt J Morgan (Aus), 6-3, 6-1; A Krickstein (US) bt M Woodforde (Aus), 6-3, 7-5

PALERMO, Sicily: Men's tournament: Second round: J Arrese (Sp) bt J Conde (Sp), 6-3, 6-4, M Cierro (It) bt G Lopez (Sp), 6-3, 4-2, ret. F Fontang (Fr) bt R Furlan (It), 6-2, 6-3

BADMINTON

IRVINE, California: US Open championships: Men: Second round: S Butler (Eng) bt A Mui (Can), 15-0, 15-8, A Nielsen (Eng) bt V Sarov (USSR), 15-1, 15-7 Women: Second round. J Bradbury (Eng) bt J Sipema (USSR), 12-5, 12-4



Steve Butler: second-round winner in California

RUGBY UNION

REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES: Cheshire 15, Cumbria 7; Irish Exiles 7, Leinster 15, Surrey 48, British Police 14; Royal Navy 6, Hampshire 18. CLUB MATCH: Pontypridd 25, Lydney 4 SCHOOLS MATCHES: Ruthin 7, Rydal 13 Sydenham: NatWest Cup: Final: Brynteg CS 14, Emanuel 10 Barry Boyden Shield: Final: Royal GS 16, Colfe's 10

SNOOKER

TRENTHAM GARDENS, Stoke: Strachan Open: Fourth round: B Snaddon (Scot) bt P Francisco (SA), 5-4, B Morgan (Eng) bt T Jones (Eng), 5-3; D Morgan (Wales) bt M MacLeod (Scot), 5-2; M Price (Eng) bt D Mountjoy (Wales) 5-2; C Roscoe (Wales) bt T Knowles (Eng), 5-4, K Doherty (Ire) bt J Virgo (Eng), 5-1; W Jones (Wales) bt K Payne (Eng), 5-1, F Chan (HK) bt S Francisco (SA), 5-3, P Lines (Eng) bt S Newbury (Wales), 5-1; J Parrott (Eng) bt N Gilbert (Eng), 5-1, D Roe (Eng) bt M Hallett (Eng), 5-2; T Drago (Malta) bt A McManus (Scot), 5-2; S James (Eng) bt R Edmonds (Eng), 5-3; N Bond (Eng) bt P Ebdon (Eng), 5-2; D Taylor (N Ire) bt C Morton (Eng), 5-2; J Swail (N Ire) bt M Bennett (Wales), 5-1, C Thorburn (Can) bt N Foulds (Eng), 5-2; A Hicks (Eng) bt B Chaperon (Can), 5-4; T Griffiths (Wales) bt K Stevens (Can), 5-1; J Wattana (Thai) bt T Wilson (Eng), 5-3; M Clark (Eng) bt D Campbell (Scot), 5-1, A Robidoux (Can) bt D Henry (Scot), 5-1; D Fowler (Eng) bt T Chappel (Wales), 5-4.

FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

Barclays League
Third division
Bournemouth v Fulham (7.45)

Fourth division
Halifax v Mansfield (7.30)

GM Vauxhall Conference
Telford v Stafford

BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Clitheroe v Bacup Borough.

RUGBY UNION

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Scottish President's XV v The Borders (at Murrayfield, 2.00)

OTHER SPORT

CYCLING: Nissan Irish Classic.

EQUESTRIANISM: Blenheim three-day event (Blenheim Palace).

GOLF: Men's home internationals (Co. Sligo); English women's open (The Tytherington, Macclesfield).

SNOOKER: Regal Welsh Open qualifying (Stoke).

CYCLING

Roche unable to hold off chasing pack

JOHN Talen, of The Netherlands, held on to the yellow jersey after an epic 77-mile breakaway by Stephen Roche, from Ireland, in yesterday's second stage of the Nissan Classic. Roche escaped on the only significant climb of the day, 35 miles into a 124.4-mile leg from Kilkenny to Galway.

He built up a lead of almost six minutes before a headwind on the straight, flat roads took its toll and was caught on the finishing circuit with 12 miles to go.

Talen, who started the day level with his fellow Dutchman, Adri Van der Poel, took the first sprint but held on to the leader's jersey by a single second as Van der Poel fought back.

RESULT: Second stage (Kilkenny to Galway, 124.4 miles): 1, O Ludwig (Panasonic, Ger), 5hr 7min 38sec, 2, E Museeuw (Lotto, Bel); 3, A Van der Poel (Tulip, Neth); 4, R Aldag (Helvetia-La Suisse, Ger); 5, L Jalabert (Toshiba, Fr), 6, T Hofman (Sanyo-TVM, Neth), all same time Overall: 1, J Talen (Neth), 8hr 40min 41sec; 2, Van der Poel, 1sec; 3, Museeuw, 2sec; 4, S Roche (Ire), 3sec, 5, M Fondriest (It), 6sec; 6, D Lonergan (Ire) 7sec; 7, Ludwig, 8sec; 8, Jalabert; 9, E Vanderaerden (Bel); 10, E de Wilde (Bel) all 9sec Team stage: 1, Lotto 15hr 22min 54sec; 2, Toshiba; 3, Sanyo-TVM, both same time Team overall: 1, Lotto 26hr 2min 30sec; 2, Tulip, 3, Buckler, both same time. King of the Mountains: 1, P Slane (Ire, amateur), 15pts, 2, Roche, 12; 3, R Van Holen (Tulip, Bel), 8. Sprints 1, Talen, 15pts; 2, Van der Poel, 11; 3, Roche, 10.

☐ Robert Millar, the only Briton to win the King of the Mountains award in the Tour de France, yesterday signed a one-year contract for TVM, the Dutch team.

YACHTING

Call for end to dispute

THE ten challengers for next year's America's Cup have called on the trophy's trustees to resolve their dispute with the San Diego Yacht Club on when they must nominate their yachts for the competition (Barry Pickthall writes).

The challengers contend that they do not have to name their boats until the eve of the Louis Vuitton challenge trials at the end of January.

The defending Californian club insists that all boats must be presented for measurement by December 20, a date that could exclude some of the latest designs which are now under construction.

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Gilford and Montgomerie are blooded in morning foursomes as Europe's golfers seek to retain the Ryder Cup in South Carolina

Gallacher gambles for the men in form

From MITCHELL PLATTS
GOLF CORRESPONDENT
AT KIAWAH ISLAND

DAVID Gilford and Colin Montgomerie have been charged with helping Europe's golfers to make a strong start in the defence of the Ryder Cup against the United States on the Ocean Course here in South Carolina today.

Bernard Gallacher, Europe's captain, went for present form rather than past reputations when, at the eleventh hour, he named Gilford and Montgomerie as one of his four partnerships for the opening foursomes.

"They forced their way into the team," Gallacher said. "They have impressed me in practice. They are both newcomers, but to me rookie is only a word in the dictionary. It is not a word in golf."

But Gilford and Montgomerie, with only three wins between them as professionals, face a fierce introduction, against Hale Irwin and Lanny Wadkins. Irwin, three times US Open champion and Wadkins, the former US PGA champion, have 39 wins on the US PGA Tour.

"You've got to start somewhere and it might as well be them as any other two," Montgomerie said. "I'm looking forward to it and to playing with David. We've known each other since we were both in the 1985 Walker Cup."

Dave Stockton, the US captain, admitted that he, too, brought Irwin and Wadkins together at the eleventh hour, following confirmation that Steve Pate, who was injured in a car crash the previous evening, would be best rested this morning.

Even so, Irwin and Wadkins played together in 1977 when, coincidentally, they beat Gallacher and his partner, Brian Barnes, 3 and 1.

Gallacher provided no other surprises as he went for experience by pairing Severiano Ballesteros and José-María Olazábal, Mark James and Bernard Langer and Nick Faldo and Ian Woosnam. Ballesteros and Olazábal take on Paul Azinger and Chip Beck in the opening foursomes and Faldo and Woosnam will be the anchormen, against Payne Stewart and Mark Calcavecchia.

James and Langer will play in the second match, against Fred Couples and Raymond Floyd, with Gilford and Montgomerie out third. Gallacher said that the four players not on duty this morning would all play in the afternoon. "My hardest task was to tell the four who were not playing in the morning," he said.

Pate sustained the injury to his rib when the limousine in which he was travelling was in collision with the one in front. Three limousines were in the accident, but Pate was the only one of the six United States players involved to require hospital treatment.

"Steve has responded to further treatment better than we expected," Stockton said. "I would hope he will play on Saturday and in the singles on Sunday. I have a hunch he will be OK. What happened was not exactly part of our game plan, but it might well bond us together even more.

"I don't think the injury to Steve will change the result of the match. He was one of five players who have played outstanding golf in practice, but I think that right now all the guys are playing as good as I've seen them play all season. I think we will win, but if we do not then the injury to Pate will not be an excuse."

Gallacher indicated that, like Stockton, he felt that all his players were in good form. Olazábal has played exceptionally well during the three days of practice and his return to form has further swelled the confidence of the European team. Ballesteros and Olazábal might not be invicible, but if one partnership is to remain unbeaten then the Spaniards must be considered the favourites to do so.

The Americans, of course, are making a fresh attempt to establish themselves as the superior force in world golf and a victory this weekend is fundamental to that cause. There will be no person more disappointed if they fail than Stockton. He has been the most diligent of captains and he has dedicated himself to leading the United States to their first win since 1983.

To Gallacher has fallen the task of following in the footsteps of Tony Jacklin. In his four matches as captain it was Jacklin's inspirational and tactical qualities which helped Europe's leading players to underline their superiority as a team.

Gallacher has said that he feels there to be no pressure in following Jacklin. That is why he was chosen, as well as it being a reward.

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Looking for birdies: Ballesteros, left, David Leadbetter, with hat, and Olazábal, have their Ryder Cup sights set on things far beyond Kiawah Island's 14th fairway

Langer's hole in one

BERNHARD Langer achieved a hole in one at the Ocean Course's fearsome 17th during Europe's last practice round yesterday. Langer hit across the lake at the 197-yard hole with a six-iron.

The hole was possibly playing as easily as it can, with the wind behind. Langer's was not the first hole in one on the course, which was officially opened in June. Pete Dye, the man who designed the Ocean Course, has had a hole in one at the 14th.

RYDER CUP ORDER OF PLAY

Today
All times BST
MORNING FOURSOMES (US names first): 1pm: P Azinger and C Beck v S Ballesteros and J M Olazabal; 1.15pm: R Floyd and F Couples v B Langer and M James; 1.30pm: L Wadkins and H Irwin v D Gilford and C Montgomerie; 1.45pm: P Stewart and M Calcavecchia v N Faldo and I Woosnam.
AFTERNOON FOURBALLS: From 5.30pm (12.30am EST).
Tomorrow
FOURSOMES: From 1pm (8am EST).
FOURBALLS: From 5.30pm (12.30am EST).
Sunday
SINGLES: From 2.30pm (9.30am EST).

WEATHER: Today: Clear skies, with temperature in the upper 70s. Wind, 10mph from the northwest. Tomorrow: Clear skies, with temperature in the mid 70s. Wind, 10mph from the northwest. Sunday: Clear skies, with temperature in the low 80s. Wind, 5mph from the northwest.

BETTING (Coral): United States 4-6; Europe 11-8; tie 11-1. Score (US prices first): 14½-13½: 10-1, 10-1; 15-13: 9-1, 10-1; 15½-12½: 9-1, 12-1; 16-12: 11-1, 14-1; 16½-11½: 14-1, 18-1; 17-11: 16-1, 22-1; 17½-10½: 20-1, 25-1; 18-10: 25-1, 33-1; 18½-9½: 28-1, 40-1; 19-9: 33-1, 50-1; 19½-8½: 40-1, 66-1; 20-8: 66-1, 80-1. Most individual points: Olazabal, Ballesteros, Stewart, 13-2; Faldo, 7-1; Woosnam, Couples, 9-1; Azinger, 12-1; Langer, 14-1; Calcavecchia, Wadkins, 16-1

TODAY'S TELEVISION: BBC 2.15-5.30pm; 8.30-10.30pm, 11.15pm-midnight. Eurosport: 1-6.30pm (combined with tennis); 7.30pm.

☐ It was announced yesterday that the 1995 Ryder Cup will be played at Oak Hill in Rochester, New York. The 1993 match will be held at The Belfry, Sutton Coldfield.

The Rochester course staged the 1956, 1968 and 1989 US Opens and the 1960 US PGA championship

It was also announced that the 1994 PGA championship will be staged at Southern Hills, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Gabbiadini ends Palace's hunt to replace Wright

By DENNIS SIGNY

THE £1.8million signing last night of Marco Gabbiadini, the Sunderland and England B footballer, ended Crystal Palace's search to find a replacement for Ian Wright.

After unsuccessful efforts to sign Brian Deane, from Sheffield United, and Alan Shearer, from Southampton, in the wake of Wright's departure to Arsenal on Monday for £2.5 million, Ron Noades, the Palace chairman, and Steve Coppell, the manager, moved for Gabbiadini. The signing of the 5ft 10in forward was completed minutes before the deadline, enabling him to play in tomorrow's home game against Queen's Park Rangers.

The bonus for Palace is that Gabbiadini is not cup-tied. He missed Sunderland's Rumbelows Cup tie against Huddersfield Town on Tuesday with a thigh strain. The son of an immigrant Italian, Gabbiadini will provide York City with an unexpected windfall of £430,000. The fourth division side were guaranteed a 25 per cent cut of any profit when Sunderland signed him for £80,000 in 1987.

Gabbiadini, who will have a medical examination this morning, has played twice for the England Under-21 side. He scored 74 League goals in 157 appearances for Sunderland, an impressive ratio that has made him one of the most coveted forwards in the country. On his last appearance for Sunderland in London earlier this month, he scored three times in seven minutes against Charlton Athletic at Upton Park.

Gabbiadini: faces QPR

Gabbiadini, who travelled south for talks at Selhurst Park yesterday after Palace had agreed to invest a record fee, which is £800,000 more than they paid Bristol Rovers for Nigel Martyn, the England squad goalkeeper, in November 1989.

Palace's need for a replacement for Wright was urgent as they recently sold Garry Thompson — the recognised deputy for Wright or Mark Bright — to Queen's Park Rangers for £100,000. Andy Barnes, who was recently signed from Sutton United for £100,000 as cover for the pair, scored a goal on his debut for the reserves only to be carried off later in the match with a cruciate ligament injury that will rule him out for the rest of the season.

The signing of Gabbiadini does not necessarily end Palace's expenditure. Noades and Coppell may pursue their interest in Deane next week.

Mansell back in business

NIGEL Mansell shrugged aside his Portuguese disappointment to set the pace yesterday in the first unofficial practice on the new Circuit de Catalunya before the Spanish Formula One motor racing grand prix on Sunday.

Mansell, back with the Canon Williams Renault team after three days analysing their pit-stop disaster in Estoril, registered the fastest lap of the day. Afterwards, he warned the new track would be a challenging circuit as he makes one final effort to prevent Ayrton Senna retaining his world title.

"It is very tough on the driver and the car; tough but interesting," Mansell said. "I think it is very good but the surface has ripples and is difficult. It gives you a kind of motion sickness feeling. My ribs hurt, too, so I know it is a tough place to drive."

Britain's other leading drivers, Martin Brundle and Mark Blundell, were both enthusiastic about the new circuit after their practice sessions.

Positive drug tests show a sharp decline last year

From JOHN GOODBODY IN BERGEN, NORWAY

WORLD sport seems to be winning its battle against competitors who use drugs. Collated figures released yesterday from the 21 laboratories accredited by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) show a sharp decline for 1990 in positive tests compared with the three previous years.

From a record 71,341 samples collected worldwide, only 932 (or 1.31 per cent) were positive, compared with more than two per cent in 1987, 1988 and 1989. The results, announced by Professor Manfred Donike, of Cologne, are encouraging because last year there was an increase in the number of unannounced out-of-competition tests, aimed at anabolic steroids which are used for training.

Speaking at the end of the third world conference on anti-doping, Prince Alexandre de Merode, of Belgium, the chairman of the IOC medical commission, said: "There is certainly progress but the battle is not finished. However, we do not know if the figures reflect the situation."

He pointed out that the number of positives may not always result in an equivalent number of sanctions because there may be extenuating circumstances.

Dr David Cowan, director of Britain's drug control centre at King's College, London University, where there were 41 positives out of 3,832 samples in 1990 (1.1 per cent), commented: "It is pleasing to see that the percentage of positives has dropped. It is a trend in the right direction.

"However, it would be dangerous to become complacent. The figures cannot reflect the scale of the problem. Education is just beginning," he said. "Competitors continue to try to use new ways to beat the system. At King's College we are doing our part to see that the loopholes are closed."

In the build-up to the Barcelona Olympics, the IOC is to set up a commission to examine drug testing of competitors in training. The Prince said: "Our task is of coordination, to look at conditions of testing, insist on the same rules for tests and work towards equal punishment for guilty competitors."

The IOC is also looking at the possible use of blood, rather than urine samples for testing and the Prince will shortly receive a report from Keba M'baye, of Senegal, on the ethical and religious problems this would cause. However, he believed this would be a "step in the right direction".

TESTS AT IOC LABORATORIES

Year	Labs	Samples	Positive	Percent
1986	18	32,359	623	1.89
1987	21	37,882	854	2.25
1988	20	47,089	1,153	2.45
1989	20	52,371	1,206	2.30
1990	21	71,341	932	1.31

☐ Bonn (AFP) — German sport will lose $11 million (£6.4 million) in government backing next year unless there is a fresh crackdown on drugs. The German parliament has told sports federations to draw up a programme covering tests on athletes during competition and training, and sanctions for those caught using or providing drugs.

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The Times, in conjunction with Mumm Champagne, presents the opportunity to win tickets to England's three pool matches, all at Twickenham, in the Rugby World Cup and to the match between Wales and Australia.

On offer are ten double tickets for the opening World Cup match on October 3 between England and New Zealand; 12 pairs for England v Italy on October 8; 12 pairs for England v United States on October 11; and two double tickets for Wales v Australia at Cardiff on October 12.

To enter, study the question below. A second question will appear in *The Times* tomorrow with a telephone number to call.

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Australians lead the parade

By DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

WHEN it comes to winning friends and influencing people in the build-up to rugby union's World Cup, the Australians have it down to a fine art. There are none better at marketing the game, on or off the field.

Where, only hours after their long flight on Wednesday, their management happily sat down to discuss lucidly points of interest and concern, England's opening press conference yesterday held a note of strain; perhaps the grand slam, which has created its own expectancy, is now becoming a burden — though it is Australia who are joint favourites with New Zealand.

At all events, the English management were not in the business of elaborating beyond the obvious, either on their own plans or on their expectations of others in the tournament, as they made their way under glowering, lightning-streaked skies down to Hampshire to establish their headquarters for the pool matches.

There was much talk of having achieved a harder mental edge — an area which has always been a strong New Zealand point — but individually, at least, the English squad remained the same, friendly and helpful.

Dean Richards, the Leicester No. 8, put the All Blacks into perspective when he said that England's opening match against them, next Thursday, would be only the first in a series of important encounters.

"The biggest game, if we get through, will be the quarter-final because then the knock-out comes into play," he said. "After that, if we're successful, the semi-final becomes the biggest match we've played.

"It would be nice to beat New Zealand — and a lot of people are not giving us much hope — but all is not lost if we lose. You understand the qualities of New Zealand rugby and prepare accordingly but you can't afford to give people respect on the rugby field. When you go out, you play to win. I think the gap between us and them has closed; I hope we have improved enough."

Bob Dwyer, the Australian coach, was also talking about playing to win after his players trained at Lensbury in sunshine sufficient to remind them of home. But Dwyer was also talking about the entertainment factor. "We seek to entertain ourselves; it isn't part of our brief to entertain spectators," he said.

"But if by our play we achieve both ends, we are laughing. I don't see my role as one of entertainer. Maybe it's like a musician who is conscious only of wishing to put on an excellent performance to meet his own high standards; a by-product is that people listening enjoy it.

"I meet people who say they hate ten-man rugby but I have a view that all they want is ten-man rugby of another kind, a kind of basketball which doesn't involve the tight forwards. I want to see all 15 guys given an opportunity to put their mark on the game.

"We don't actually think about scoring tries but we think a lot on what goes into scoring them," he said. "This morning, we worked on catching and passing correctly and setting up ball correctly. Motivation is about providing the atmosphere in which people can achieve their potential and, if you do that, players will feel they are part of an operation that is going somewhere." As, indeed, these Australians may do these next few weeks.

Wright is wary of England

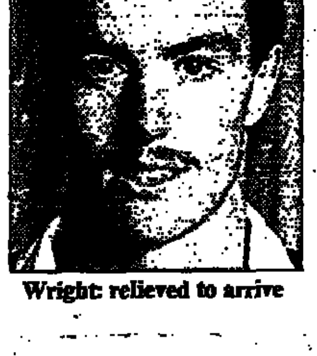
By PETER BILLS

NEW Zealand, the holders of the World Cup, arrived in London yesterday with Terry Wright, their full back, saying that not enough emphasis had been placed on the British sides' overwhelming advantage in being at home.

Wright said: "I suppose people will make either us or Australia the favourites but how much that matters I'm not sure. Being at home is an immense advantage, as we found out in 1987. It will help England a lot when we play them next Thursday. This could not be a tougher start."

Wright, a recent conversion to full back from wing, reported a good spirit in the New Zealand camp. But with the whole country following the World Cup, he said: "It's nice to get out of New Zealand and come over here to get started. The build-up for this tournament back home has been amazing."

New Zealand are not likely to be influenced by Australia's 40-point defeat of England in Sydney two months ago. Wright pointed out that England were completely out of season and suggested the result would have little relevance to the opening fixture at Twickenham.



Wright: relieved to arrive

The All Blacks flew in on the same plane as the Western Samoans, who had been seen off at the airport at Apia by most of the occupants of the Samoan Islands.

Their arrival yesterday was equally splendid: a niece of the King of Samoa greeted them with her English husband and family. The Samoan players stood rigidly to attention in the arrivals hall as the Samoan anthem played, beneath the country's flag.

The Samoans boast an esteemed former All Black in their party. Bryan Williams, the Auckland and New Zealand wing, is an adviser to the team from Western Samoa, the land of his father. He promised Wales, one of their group opponents, some tough rugby — no idle boast, for 16 of the Samoans play their rugby in New Zealand. "We will be pretty competitive," Williams said.

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